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HITLER'S TALK TO LAVAL

ACCORDING to the German News Agency, "certain regroupments" were discussed at the Hitler-Laval-Ciano meeting, and "the present position as a whole was re-examined." It was "not a coincidence" that the topical problems of France were discussed with M. Laval.

"It is not 'Berlin or Rome' that determines the relations of the new Europe with France, but 'Berlin and Rome,'" it was emphasised.

"Wilhelmstrasse circles regard M. Laval's discussions with Italy as an indication of the possibility of a further collaboration between France and the Axis."

"Before saying anything definite, one must await M. Laval's return," political quarters in Vichy are quoted by the German News Agency as saying.

Italian newspapers discount the suggestion that there was any special significance attached to the Axis conference, which, said the *Giornale d'Italia*, came "within the sphere of periodical contacts between the two Powers."

The conversations, however, represented the "beginning of a new phase in the Axis war," though, regarding the decisions taken, "silence must be observed."

Immediately on his return to Paris, M. Laval went to his hotel headquarters for a conference with all members of the French Government in the capital, says Paris Radio.—(Reuter.)

"WE ARE TURNING THE CORNER"

Mr. Herbert Morrison, British Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, said at Bristol yesterday: "I think we are turning the corner, but we have a jolly long way to go, and we must keep up our efforts."

Battle for Burma Road

CHUNGKING, Monday. — The Chinese High Command to-day reported continued clashes along the border of the Burmese Shan States and Yunnan Province, where the Japanese were driving northward towards the Burma Road. Chinese forces were holding the Japanese in check along the Namlwi river, where they crossed into Yunnan for the first time at Mengma, about 190 miles south of the Burma Road. Surprised by the sudden Allied drive, the local Japanese garrison had retired towards Akyab. The Allied Army swept unopposed into Maungdaw, the first Burmese village of importance to be recaptured in the drive towards Akyab.

Japan's reply to the continued British thrust was last night's raid on Calcutta, but none of the bombs caused appreciable damage or casualties.—(A.P.)

JAPANESE GENERAL KILLED

NEW GUINEA, Monday.—Some ground has been gained near the mouth of the Gira River, north of Gona, and the Allies are still attacking in the Sananda area, about five miles north of Buna, where two machine-gun nests have been put out of action. The Japanese Commander, Lieutenant-General Horit, who led some 2,500 Japanese across the Owen Stanley Mountains in the recent drive against Port Moresby, is stated to have been killed in action. No details of his death have yet been received.—(Reuter.)

The Second Secretary to the American Legation, Mr. T. A. Hickok, is spending Christmas at Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, as the guest of Lord and Lady Charles Cavendish.

NURSES AS CAROLLERS

The nurses' choir passing up the stairs at the Rotunda Hospital "at home."

SOVIET ADVANCE GOES ON
Germans Falling Back on Base

THE Russian offensive on the Middle Don rolled on yesterday to the edge of the Ukraine and the vast coal, iron and hydro-electric regions of the Don Basin, showing no signs of slackening.

Powerful counter-attacks by the Germans above and below Stalingrad and on the Central front were parried, and in the latter zone more settlements were captured. The German News Agency stated last night that the Russians on the Central Front, using men and materials on a vast scale, "were pressing after the withdrawing German and Italian divisions without being able to surround any considerable detachments."

Moscow Radio said that at Stalingrad the Germans, "now themselves besieged," resisted furiously, clinging to blockhouses and other fortifications. But the Russians were recapturing one house after another. — (The Associated Press.)

MOSCOW, Monday.—Reuter's correspondent here says:—"German troops on the Middle Don are to-day in full retreat, as the two jaws of the Soviet pincers close in on Millerovo, the junction of the railways to Rostov and Kharkov. Abandoning huge quantities of heavy equipment, the disorganised German forces are falling back before the Russian thrusts from the north-east and the encircling move from the east. They are apparently preparing to fall back on their base at Voroshilovgrad. After their lightning advance which cut the Voronezh-Rostov railway above Millerovo, the Russian forces have fanned out, capturing over 100 inhabited localities, including some towns; and the two Soviet armies, smashing forward north and south of Boguchar, are now in close contact.

MORE AIRCRAFT

"The Luftwaffe has flung in large fleets of bombers and fighters in a desperate attempt to halt the advancing armies, but the Red Air Force is also strongly concentrated at this point, and has sufficient aircraft to put up a powerful umbrella over the land forces. Meanwhile, Von Hoth's army of about 200,000 men is being slowly pushed back from the Don elbow. Inside Stalingrad the Russians are advancing also, but at the rate of dozens of yards at a time. The Central front offensive appears to have slowed down for the time being, while the Russians consolidate their newly won positions."

LONDON, Monday.—The German News Agency to-night, referring to the Central Don front, states:—"Using men and materials on a vast scale—especially tanks and heavy artillery—the enemy presses after the withdrawing German and Italian divisions without being able to surround any considerable detachments. The enemy has thrown himself in vain against the much shortened new line, and his losses are tremendous."—(Reuter.)

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Monday. — To-night's Soviet communiqué says: "During December 21 our troops in the area of Stalingrad and on the Central front continued offensive engagements in the same directions as before. In the area of the middle Don our troops developed their offensive with success, and, pursuing the enemy retreating in disorder, advanced from 20 to 30 kilometres—from 12 to 18 miles. Our troops captured several large inhabited points and also booty and prisoners. During December 20 in the area of Stalingrad 39 enemy transport 'planes were destroyed.

"In the factory area of Stalingrad our units destroyed or captured 15 blockhouses and pillboxes.

"North-west of Stalingrad a counter-attack was beaten off, as a result of which about 300 enemy officers and men were killed."

The supplement to the Soviet communiqué adds that south-west of Stalingrad Soviet troops conducted fierce engagements with large forces of Axis tanks and motorised infantry.

"In the area of the middle Don Russian troops continued their successful offensive. The enemy is retreating and leaving behind arms and equipment. The Germans tried to launch counter-attacks, but were thrown back.

"On the central front our troops consolidated positions and continued offensive operations against encircled enemy garrisons."

Large Fires at Duisburg

Many large fires were left burning in Duisburg on Sunday night after the Royal Air Force had made its heavy attack on this important munition and rail centre.

An Air Ministry communiqué stated:—"On Sunday night a strong force of our bombers attacked industrial objectives at Duisburg in clear weather and bright moonlight. The attack was heavy and concentrated, and many large fires were left burning.

"On intruder operations over France and the Low Countries aircraft of Fighter Command attacked railway engines and other targets.

"Eleven of our bombers are missing."

Duisburg, the largest inland port in Europe, has been severely damaged in fifty-five previous raids.

According to a German report, a heavy air attack was made upon the harbour of Hull.

Unemployed on Relief Work

Unemployment relief works are now in progress in all parts of the country. The intention is that the maximum employment will be given in the period December to February. The approximate numbers employed during each of the six weeks up to December 12 were:—

November	7	7,600
,,	14	8,200
,,	21	10,600
,,	28	14,800
December	5	23,000
,,	12	24,700

The Tobacco Situation

The Chairman of the Retail Tobacconists' Association says that a paragraph published on Saturday—that "regular customers should be able to obtain four days' supply of cigarettes on Christmas Eve"—has suggested that extra supplies of cigarettes will be available on Christmas Eve. There are, of course, no extra supplies.

Where supplies are available, he states, tobacconists will give customers the benefit of their stocks. Supplies vary in different districts, and it is possible for a tobacconist to be completely sold out at this time.

The curfew imposed on part of the Falls Road area of Belfast in October, following a number of bomb outrages, will be removed to-day.

Eighth Army Pushes On, Now 25 Miles from Sirte

REPORTS received from Cairo last night indicated that the Eighth Army had reached a point five miles west of Sultan, 25 miles from Sirte.

Continual skirmishing is going on between British advanced troops and the retreating Axis rearguards.

General Montgomery's men are maintaining contact by keeping up progress of 12 miles a day.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo states that unofficial reports suggest that the German Command may be planning some kind of a stand at Buerat el Sun, eight miles west of Es Sultan, where the country, difficult on either side of the road, is suitable for defence.

The fact that targets at Buerat have been the object of attack by Allied fighter bombers two nights running gives colour to the view that Marshal Rommel may be attaching some importance to the position.

New Zealanders are among the Allied troops that have penetrated west of Es Sultan. It is not stated whether these are some of the men who carried out the desert sweep which terminated at Matratin, but it seems likely that after this operation they were switched westwards, as being the most forward troops in the field.

If this is so, their desert dash will have served a double purpose—to have cut off twenty tanks and 500 men and to have provided a force far enough westwards along the road to continue to bite effectively at Marshal Rommel's heels.

FIGHTERS ACTIVE

When the Allied forces had swept through Es Sultan, they deployed along a line running approximately south-east, and are now 25 miles from Sirte.

No attempt to defend Sirte is to be made apparently, since the Axis transport is still pouring along the Sirte-Buerat road, strafed by fighter bombers.

Behind the Allied advanced guard, which has pressed forward despite danger in every stone and every bush, the work of clearing mines is going forward rapidly. The area west of "Marble Arch" is now being cleared.

Morocco radio, announcing the spearhead of the Eighth Army in the vicinity of Misurata, said last night:—"Marshal Rommel's army has already reached the vicinity of Misurata, to say nothing of certain reconnaissance units which have proceeded further west. Thus the Axis forces are drawn out over a distance of at least 160 miles, where they are submitted to incessant attacks by Allied aircraft."

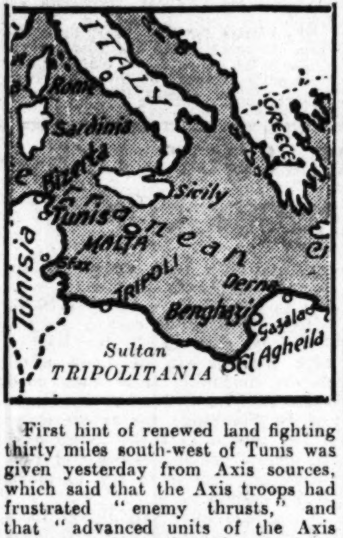
BERLIN CLAIM

Berlin radio said last night that "Axis operations to disengage themselves are being continued systematically."

The German News Agency declared last night that the Allied troops who "have joined in the chase of the Axis forces are numerically not very strong."

Flare-up Due in Tunisia

Reports from Tunisia yesterday indicate that forward troops of General Anderson's First Army are thrusting into General Nehring's positions beyond Medjez el Bab, apparently in preparation for an imminent "flare up."



First hint of renewed land fighting thirty miles south-west of Tunis was given yesterday from Axis sources, which said that the Axis troops had frustrated "enemy thrusts," and that "advanced units of the Axis forces were instantly active repulsing enemy groups."

The following Allied communiqué was issued last night from North Africa:—

"Enemy detachments made a raid on our forward positions during the night of December 19/20. The raid was beaten off. In the course of routine patrols over Tunisia yesterday, our fighters destroyed one enemy bomber and one enemy fighter without loss."

A French G.H.Q. communiqué said:—"Our troops have occupied a locality to the west of Kairouan. This position has been maintained against a strong tank attack after a sharp combat. Many other engagements took place during the day in this region. The enemy suffered important losses. Prisoners were taken."

KERRY FARMER'S WIFE IN WELL

The sister of Hanna Flynn (53), whose body was found in a well at Kilbonane, near Killarney, broke down giving evidence yesterday against Timothy Flynn (59), a farmer, at Tralee, where he faces a charge of wife murder.

Mrs. Ellen Doyle (50) stated that the day after the discovery of the tragedy she said, in the hearing of Flynn: "My sister never fell into the well. She was put in." She said that Nurse Burke and Mr. Jack O'Shea, of Killarney, told her to "say no more for the sake of the children."

When Mrs. Doyle was asked by the State counsel whether she knew what relations existed between Flynn and Mrs. Flynn, she broke down. She then said she knew that the relations between them were bad. Flynn was never pleased with anything, and she often heard him complaining that Mrs. Flynn would not give him any of the money she had inherited; that she was spending it foolishly, and that he wanted the money himself. Mrs. Doyle said that she told Flynn that Mrs. Flynn was building up the home for him. Flynn's attitude in the house at times "would make you afraid."

BLOODSTAINS

Eileen Doyle, daughter of the previous witness, said that on Tuesday morning, 17th November, she went into the back kitchen and noticed bloodstains at the back of the door nearest the well. She knew that Mrs. Flynn killed fowl by pulling their necks, so that they did not bleed. Witness also saw bloodstains on the large safe which was on a table inside the door. On Wednesday morning she went to the back kitchen again and noticed that some of the bloodstains had been wiped off the door. The bloodstains were still on the safe. She saw a wet towel on the same table as the safe, and she got the impression that it had been used in cleaning the door. Witness said that when accused spoke to his wife he did so in a surly way.

Eileen Rahilly, who gave music lessons to the Flynn children in their home, described the bloodstains she saw in the back kitchen on Tuesday, 17th November, and how, on her way towards the well, she saw a red button on the gravel path. Around the mouth of the well she saw bloodstains. In the turf shed she saw a square piece of tin with drops of blood on it. On Wednesday morning witness noticed that the green board, as well as the green shelf under the window of the back kitchen, had been washed clean.

The hearing will be resumed to-day.

These Brides Receive £25 Dowries

BAGENALSTOWN brides who are poor and deserving will receive a useful New Year gift of £25 each to assist them in furnishing their new homes.

Within a few weeks the first marriage portions bestowed under the will of the public benefactor, Mr. Daniel McGrath, of 3 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, who died in July of last year, will be sent by the trustees of the will to the qualifying girls who have married since Mr. McGrath's death.

When Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy wrote his signature in the High Court yesterday on a document sanctioning a scheme which envisages the provision of a town hall and sports field and the creation of a fund for the granting of marriage portions to poor, deserving Catholic girls from Bagenalstown, he wound up an involved legal procedure which has occupied the attention of the courts during the last year.

One of three brothers from the County Carlow town, who made their fortunes through the tea importing business, the late Mr. McGrath left £93,016, and, after generous bequests to his relatives and employes, he outlined a plan in his will, backed by over £40,000, to create a brighter Bagenalstown by erecting a town hall, containing a library, recreation rooms, club premises for boys and girls, and a concert hall, a sports field close to the town, and by giving dowries to local girls.

WHISKEY TO COST MORE IN NORTH

It is understood that whiskey in Northern Ireland may shortly be advanced in price by 10/- a case, and that at the same time supplies may be cut by 15 per cent.

Deficient in the Three R's

Are Dublin school children deficient in the "three R's"? The inquiry was prompted by the comment of Naida, Children's Essay Competition adjudicator, Mr. Fred M. Summerfield, that a great number of the entries showed "slovenliness in composition, carelessness in writing, and a deplorable standard in spelling," was made yesterday by an *Irish Times* reporter.

"There is no doubt about it," was the opinion gained from several school teachers, national, preparatory and secondary. The children who are taught in schools where Irish is compulsory, they said, are brought perfunctorily through a rather sketchy programme in English (including all branches, prose composition, grammar, reading, spelling, etc.).

The reasons for the deficiency given were broadly under two heads: lack of time on the part of the teachers, and the confusion caused the child by simultaneously studying two "everyday" languages, both at variance on the question of what is or is not permissible grammatically and otherwise. "The Irish purist sounds like a clown in English," said one teacher, and went on to point out that forms of expression which were quite legitimate in the Irish language sounded barbarous—in the sense of pure prose style—when translated bodily into English.

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SECURITY PLAN IN EIRE

By a Student of Economics.

IF—as seems to be inevitable—the Government of Eire is to adopt some plan of "social security" on the general principles of the Beveridge report, it is none too soon to get rid of the idea that any such scheme can reduce the quantum of unemployment.

Not alone would any such plan exclude the provision of work, or wages, for a single unemployed man or woman; on the contrary, its effects would be to render the provision of employment more imperative than ever. Failure to limit the number of those who may be eligible for employment could only have one of two consequences.

Either it would throw intolerable burdens on the shoulders of the general taxpayer, or it would lead to the financial collapse of any plan that may be devised.

To illustrate possible reactions of unemployment on the finance of such a plan as that outlined by Sir William Beveridge let us assume some arbitrary rates of contributions and benefits on substantially lower scales than his report proposes. Let us suppose that the wage-earner's "all-in" contribution will be 2/6; the employer's 1/6, and the State's 1/- weekly; and that the "all-in" benefits are fixed at £2 10/- weekly for each person while unemployed. Thus, over a period of twelve months, a sum of £13 per employed wage-earner would be paid into the "social security" fund, as against benefits of £130 to each unemployed contributor.

PERCENTAGES IDLE

Proceeding on the Beveridge assumption that 92 wage-earners will have to provide benefits for eight unemployed persons, let us now see what would happen if that eight per cent. figure fell to six per cent., or if it rose to 10 or 12 per cent. Assuming that 1,000,000 persons were to participate in the plan the security funds, receipts and disbursements would vary as follows:—

6 PER CENT. UNEMPLOYED.

	£
940,000 at work at £13 ...	12,220,000
60,000 idle at £130	7,800,000
Surplus	4,420,000

8 PER CENT. UNEMPLOYED.

	£
920,000 at work at £13 ...	11,960,000
80,000 idle at £130	10,400,000
Surplus	1,560,000

10 PER CENT. UNEMPLOYED.

	£
900,000 at work at £13 ...	11,700,000
100,000 idle at £130	13,000,000
Deficit	1,300,000

12 PER CENT. UNEMPLOYED.

	£
880,000 at work at £13 ...	11,440,000
120,000 idle at £130	15,600,000
Deficit	4,160,000

While these figures are employed merely to demonstrate the vital relationship of degrees of unemployment to the finance of any contributory scheme of security, they may perhaps be taken as indicating some approximation to post-war percentages of unemployment, totals of participants in a social security scheme for the Twenty-Six Counties, rates of employers', wage earners' and State contributions, and of the all-in benefits (i.e., unemployment allowances), payable from the security fund during its first four or five years. It will be noted that the rates of contributions and benefits have been assumed at about two-thirds of those proposed by Sir William Beveridge for Great Britain.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

When actuarial calculations are completed it is not improbable that the respective revenues and outgoings of "security" funds for Great Britain and Eire will show marked divergences under one particular heading, to which the Beveridge report gives special attention. On a comparable age-basis the number of those eligible for old-age pensions in proportion to the total population is abnormally high—and shows steady signs of further increase—in the Twenty-six Counties. In that connection the Beveridge proposal to defer, and increase the rates of, pensions as those eligible advance in years, seems to be worthy of careful consideration.

By such means, and by raising the standards of wage-earners' health and working capacity, much, doubtless, may be done to limit undue drains on whatever security fund may be established. But the controlling factor on which the solvency of any contributory scheme must depend is the maintenance of employment above some pre-determined line of safety.

At what point that "Plimsoll" line should be fixed, and by what means it should be maintained, are questions to be answered by Ministers in the light of actuarial estimates. Meanwhile it is none too soon to consider ways and means by which to limit the scope and incidence of post-war unemployment. On the basis of our tentative estimates, every 100 men transferred from idleness to useful work would mean an additional £130,000 in the "Social Security" fund at the end of each year!

SIGNS OF LABOUR SPLIT

THE *Irish Times* learns that there is a possibility of a serious split in the Labour Party.

Grave dissatisfaction continues to be expressed among some fairly big groups of the party's political wing over the selection of certain candidates to contest the Dublin, Townships and County Constituencies in the event of a general election.

The dissatisfaction originated with the rejection at a constituency conference of Councillor James Larkin, Mr. James Larkin, junior, and Alderman Barney Conway, as Labour candidates for North-East Dublin.

Their rejection caused deputations to the Administrative Council of the Labour Party, and resolutions of protest from city and country labour branches.

The dissatisfaction has come to a head, however, with the rejection at Saturday's County Dublin Constituency conference of a candidate who polled over 2,000 personal votes in an area in which another labour candidate secured second place. Conference elected in his stead a man who had not even been a candidate at the municipal elections.

Rejection of this candidate, it was learned yesterday, has caused indignation in labour circles. As a result, the *Irish Times* learns, he is contemplating going forward as an Independent, or even a Fianna Fail, candidate.

A source in close touch with latest Labour developments said last night: "Labour has too many strong candidates at its command. All cannot be chosen, and events are tending towards a serious rift, because rejected candidates cannot be expected to—or certainly will not—lend support to the official nominees. Apparently the object of the party was to plump for personalities rather than for some of their tried and successful supporters."

Salaries for County M.O.s

Medical officers of county hospitals will in future not be permitted to accept fees from patients. They will be paid a fixed salary at a higher rate than that now being paid, and will not have any other practice, with the exception of taking part in consultations. Paying patients will be admitted to these hospitals at an inclusive fee, which will be somewhat higher than that now charged by the local authority. This information is conveyed in a statement issued last night by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Mr. Sean MacEntee.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has nominated Dr. Joseph Kearney, D.P.M., D.P.H., 12 Herbert Park, Dublin, a member of the General Nursing Council, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Sir Edward Coey Bigger, M.D.

GREETINGS ON THE WAY

They brought the mail.

No Rail Chaos This Christmas

ALTHOUGH over 1,000 people a day have been arriving in Dublin on the mail boats since December 9, there is not much likelihood of the Christmas transport chaos of last year repeating itself.

The Great Southern Railways Company is not putting on any extra trains, but an official told an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday that he was fairly confident that everybody will be brought home for the Christmas holidays. Much of the credit for the improved service depends on Irish technicians, who have discovered a means to make use of anthracite as fuel. No dislocation of services is expected; trains, he thought, would run to a schedule equal to that of the last few months.

An official in the Great Northern Railway Company said that he did not anticipate anything like the "12th July" chaos this Christmas. There had been a certain amount of advance booking on this end, but there was little likelihood of overcrowding. The company, he said, had got in touch with the schools, and asked them if they would close early, in order to prevent the Christmas trains to the North from being overcrowded with school children returning on holiday. The schools had responded to this request, and most of the school traffic had already been dealt with. From the Belfast end the situation had been greatly alleviated by the fact that the people had agreed to "stagger" their days of travelling.

Although nobody had been left behind on the pier at Holyhead, it is thought that many thousands of English people were unable to obtain regulation tickets, which are necessary before anybody can travel by the mail boat in the rush period.

The Consul-General for the Netherlands, Mynheer I. R. A. W. Weenink, is spending Christmas with friends in Cork.

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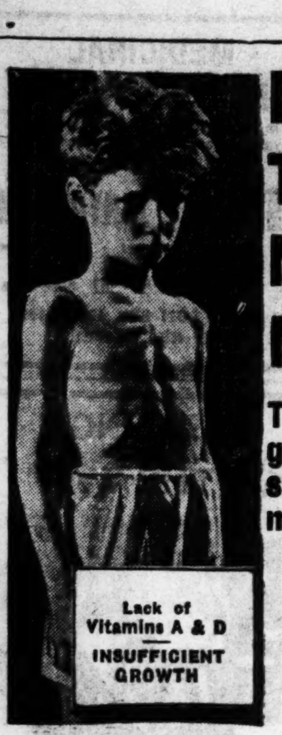

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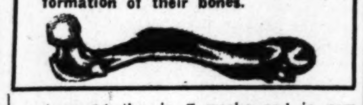

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Husband and Wife Fined.—Micheal Headon, Main street, Enniskillen, was fined 40/- for assaulting a police constable in the execution of his duty, while his wife, Susan Headon, was fined 40/- with endorsement of the licence for opening licensed premises after hours.

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CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 1942

SOUTHERN AND WESTERN SECTIONS.

25th December (Christmas Day)—There will be no Passenger Train Service, except on the Cork/Cobh and Waterford/Tramore Branches, where Sunday Services will operate.

26th December (St. Stephen's Day)—There will be certain restrictions in the Passenger Train Services.

EASTERN SECTION.

24th December (Christmas Eve):—

Westland Row Line.

The usual Week-day Passenger Service will operate up to and including the 11.37 a.m. ex Amiens Street. An altered service will be in operation for the remainder of the day.

Harcourt St. Line.

Usual Week-day Service, with minor adjustments.

25th December (Christmas Day)—There will be no Passenger Train Service on the Main Line or the Suburban Lines.

26th December (St. Stephen's Day)—The usual Week-day Passenger Train Service will operate on the Main Line, Dublin, Wexford and Waterford, with certain restrictions.

Amiens St./Bray: Harcourt St./Greystones.

On 26th and 28th December there will be an altered service in operation on the Suburban Lines.

Full particulars may be had at Stations.

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—(Advt.)

SOUTHERN BODY AND PUNCHESTOWN

Racing representatives from thirteen Executives attended a meeting in Cork of the South of Ireland Point-to-Point Association, called for the purpose of considering the decision of the Government not to allow Punchestown in 1943. It was unanimously resolved to send a petition to the Minister for Supplies urging that the Government's decision be relaxed in favour of Punchestown, and that copies of the petition be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Royal Dublin Society, Munster Agricultural Society, and other bodies.

Republican Ladies' S.C. will hold a race on Christmas Day at Clontarf Baths.

Three Smart Recruits To Hurdle Racing

(By Our Curragh Correspondent.)

CECIL BRABAZON headed the list of winning trainers for the season of 1940 with a total of well over £7,000. He is a good fourth in the same list for last season, while his son, Aubrey, who helps so very considerably in the management of the Ranger's Lodge stable at the Curragh, is fifth of the winning riders. Cecil Brabazon trained the winners of 22 races, and Aubrey rode as many as 21 winners. He has not many superiors in riding over fences and hurdles.

Foam Crest, winner of the Irish Lincolnshire Handicap; Maj. Watts's National Stud-bred filly, Tillage, who took the Leopardstown Produce Stakes, and Slang, winner in a most exciting set-to at Fairyhouse of the Maiden Plate, contributed to an aggregate sum of nearly £3,500. Foam Crest is taking kindly to jumping hurdles, and so also are those other useful winners, Glengormley and Ballynure, and the three probably will be worth noting for their races over timber in the immediate future. St. Martin is now very little the worse for his efforts in the big 'chase at the recent Naas meeting, and should be his own self again in a very short time.

The three-year-olds for the ensuing year include an own sister to that fine stayer, Owenstown, and the future of this grey filly, by Apron—Madam de Stael, will be, no doubt, of great interest.

The coming two-year-olds are decidedly promising. Pride of place must be given to the half-sister by the Derby winner, Bois Roussell, to So Lovely, bought on behalf of Mr. T. Ward by the trainer at the Ballsbridge sales for 1,000 guineas. She is a nice, sharp filly, and may be seen in good winning form early in the season. The filly from Bow Bell strikes one, too, as an early sort, as does the grey daughter of Mr. Jinks—Song of the Marches. The Little Flutter filly has nice size and is a good mover. A beautiful youngster is the filly by Colombo.

Inmates of Rangers' Lodge, with their ages for 1943, are:—

St. Martin, b. g., a., by Tommy Atkins—Dorcas.
Ballyhooley, b. g., a., by Jehangir—Lady Poland.
Shrarmore, b. g., a., by Drinmore—Cymple.
Monkshood, b. g., a., by Friar Gray—Lady of the Veil.
Glengormley, br. g., a., by Golden Chalice—Snowy Glen.
Cottage Rent, br. g., a., by Cottage—Call Money.
Apace, b. or br. m., a., by Werwolf—Vestigia.
Alger, b. g., 5 yrs., by Windsor Lad—Abbey Wood.
Turnover, b. g., 5 yrs., by Young Lover—Youma.
Historical Revue, b. g., 5 yrs., by Pharian—Pansoviana.
Ballynure, b. c., 4 yrs., by Coup de Lyon—Tiger Toy.
Foam Crest, b. c., 4 yrs., by Walvis Bay—Y Not.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

Ryskid, b. g., by Colorado Kid—Ryskid.
Cavehill, b. c., by Berwick—Qual Hill.
Cherish, b. f., by Monument—Grand Chain.
Gr. f. by Apron—Madam de Stael.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

B. c. by Link Boy—Song of the Hills.
Br. f. by Colombo—Marshfield.
Ch. f. by Wychwood Abbot—Bow Bell.
B. c. by Cariff—Varena.
B. f. by Bois Roussell—Kissoue.
Ch. f. by Fairplay—Gay Sprite.
Br. f. by Monument—Little Flutter.
B. g. by Fairford—Caraquette.
Gr. f. by Mr. Jinks—Song of the Marches.

Owners—Sir Thomas Dixon, Bart.; Miss M. O. Mathieson, Mrs. A. H. Simmons, M.F.H.; Mrs. R. Hoare, Duchesse de Stacpoole, Messrs. R. Sheehan, W. R. Ellis, T. Allen, Moritz Bergh, S. V. Parr, T. Ward; Colonel Scott Moore, Miss L. Brabazon and self.

Jockeys—Aubrey Brabazon and S. McGrath. Apprentices—Edward Newman, P. Cox and P. McKean.

ENTRIES FOR BIG 'CHASE CLOSE TO-MORROW

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

Entries close to-morrow for the Hospitals' Steeplechase of £500, to be run at Naas on February 13th. The weights will be published on January 15th, and there is only one acceptance date—namely, January 27th.

It will be interesting to see how the lifting of the ban on English-trained horses will affect the entries; the decision to run the race over three miles and some yards is generally approved, and it is quite on the cards that it may turn out to be the most interesting of all the big races sponsored by Hospitals' Trust. Prince Regent, St. Martin, Golden Jack, Mountain Loch, Prince Blackthorn and all the other regular runners doubtless will be again to the fore, as well as several of the horses that have come recently from England.

The entries for the series of valuable two years old races, to be run at Phœnix Park next season, show but a slight falling off in numbers; 104 nominations have been made for the Phœnix Plate, and Mrs. Joseph McGrath, Lord Adare, H.H. Aga Khan, Mr. J. McLean, Mr. J. McVey, jun., and Miss Dorothy Paget have been generous in their nominations. Mr. McGrath having no less than eleven of his well-bred youngsters engaged.

The entries for the other Park two years old races during the year average well over 90, which shows that the combined entry arranged by the enterprising management of Phœnix Park is popular with owners.

OLD BELVEDERE LOOK LIKE RETAINING RUGBY CUP

BY OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT.

IT is astonishing how different a problem Old Belvedere become when they have the Quinn triangle of Frank, Kevin and Jerry in the centre of the field. Even though Kevin was a success at out-half for Leinster against Connaught some weeks ago, it is quite obvious that his place for his club is in the centre, with Frank at out-half. The play of these three was really delightful at Donnybrook on Saturday, and so a team which lost by thirteen points to Palmerston was able to beat Bective Rangers 18-13. Indeed, both teams earned distinction from this match, for Bective were without six of their usual players, including three such good backs as Des. O'Connor, K. Doyle and D. Flanagan; yet at one stage of the second half they were only two points behind, before Old Belvedere got one more try to make victory certain.

There was some magnificent football, mainly supplied by the Quinns, whose handling and passing demonstrated why they are a better combination than any other team in the country possess. The Belvedere forwards were outplayed by the Bective eight, yet when they got possession in either a set or a loose scrum, the ball came back quickly, and as there is certain to be an improvement here coming towards the Senior Cup, the feeling I have never lost, that Old Belvedere would collect the trophy for the fourth successive year, has been strengthened. No other team can play quite their brand of football.

Another interesting result on Saturday was St. Mary's win over Old Wesley by the decisive margin of 13-3. St. Mary's now share with Lansdowne the best record of the Dublin clubs, and it is becoming quite plain that they will have to be seriously considered for the Cup. They have three interprovincial backs, Smyth, P. Meehan and Bergin, while Norton, the full-back, is a trials player, and their forwards seem to be excelling themselves at the present time. The pack may prove too light when the real tests come, but the backs will remain a menace to any opposition.

There were no other outstanding features of Saturday's Rugby. Wanderers lost yet another game by a narrow margin; fortune has apparently turned her back on them. Meantime, Clontarf and Palmerston added to their winning total, and Lansdowne had a comfortable journey against Curragh Command. Redmond Power, former hockey international, who came into the pack as a reserve back-row forward, was put on the wing when Burke was injured, and scored two tries.

LEADING RUGBY SCORERS.

	Tries	Conv.	Pen.	Drop Goals	Ttl.
E. A. Carry ...	5	11	2	5	63
M. B. Williams	0	9	13	1	61
K. O'Flanagan	4	8	6	0	46
J. Cagney ...	7	9	0	1	43
A. B. Robertson	1	14	1	1	38
E. G. Flynn ...	0	10	5	0	35
F. Moran	9	0	0	1	31
S. D. Walsh ...	8	0	0	1	28

Clontarf Schoolboys.—Boys who wish to join during the Christmas holidays should communicate with J. F. Moran, Moran's Hotel, Talbot street, stating age, playing position, and school. Teams desiring fixtures should write, or 'phone 44540.

Fixture Wanted.—Wanderers 3rd require fixture for January 9.

REFEREE BAITING MUST CEASE

The League of Ireland has instructed referees to speed up matches by starting sharp on time and shortening the interval, and at the week-end there was a marked improvement in that respect. A subject of even greater importance is the barracking of referees, which has become a disagreeable feature of many games.

There is no justification whatever for the barrage of barracking to which even the best of our referees is subjected when a decision does not meet with the approval of the partisans of a "home" team. It takes a referee of very strong will-power to curb the over-enthusiasm of a number of our players, and it cannot make his duties easier when he has occasion to speak to a player or award a penalty or a free kick if a large proportion of the onlookers howls its disapproval.

First of the representative matches of the season is in the list for Christmas Day at Tolka Park between a Football Association of Ireland XI. and a League of Ireland XI. As the proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the promoters are banking on a record attendance.

The Leinster Football Association will take its benefit at Dalymount Park on St. Stephen's Day with the final of the Senior Cup between Drumcondra and St. James's Gate. From their positions in the League of Ireland table the teams would seem to be on a parity; they have nine points each, but Drumcondra will be fancied at Dalymount Park, where they always give their best displays. It was Drumcondra who put out the holders, Distillery, and it would be in the fitness of things were victory to come their way, but St. James's Gate are worthy opponents.

One of the attractions on December 27th will be Limerick's visit to Brideville in the League. On the same day Shamrock Rovers will have a visit from Bray Unknowns, while the Bohemian-Drumcondra match takes place at Dalymount Park.

One of the features of the season has been the pronounced improvement in the Limerick team, which now shares pride of place in the League table with Cork United. That the game is advancing in Limerick admits of no manner of doubt.

Mr. Joseph Wickham, the secretary of the F.A.I., who has been on a visit to the city, told the writer that there are fourteen clubs in the city—more than in Cork or Waterford—but the difficulty is the provision of playing grounds. However, it is the intention, under a new housing scheme, to provide two playing grounds, and that there is the possibility of three others being laid down in the near future.

Cork United's next League match is with Shelbourne on December 27th at Cork. This is a game of outstanding importance for each team, but Cork, being at home, the chances are in their favour. St. James's Gate, after their final with Drumcondra, take on Dundalk at Dundalk the following day.

Over Thirty Meets on Boxing Day

Boxing Day will be hunting day for virtually 50 per cent. of the Irish packs. There will be over 30 meets. In the Dublin area the most important of these will be the meets of the Wards at Ashbourne, the Kildares at Sherlockstown Cross-roads, and the Meaths at Haye's House, while a notable social and sporting event will be the annual Lucan Hotel meet of the South County Dublins. The full list is as follows:—

Co. Clare, Newmarket-on-Fergus, 1.0 p.m.; Ward Union, Ashbourne, 1.30 p.m.; Co. Down, Raleigh, 12.15 p.m.; Meath, Haye's House, 11.30 a.m.; North Mayo, Enniscrone, ——; Thurles and Kilshane, Ardmayle Bridge, 1.0 p.m.; Louth, Reaghstown, 11.0 a.m.; Kildare, Sherlockstown Cross-roads 11.30 a.m.; Westmeath, Greenpark Gate, 12.0 noon; Fingal, Rathbeale, 1.0 p.m.; Waterford, Tramore, 11.30 a.m.; Bray, Calary (Mountain Inn), 1.30 p.m.; South Westmeath, Mt. Temple, 12.0 noon; Carlow, Oak Park, 12.0 noon; South Co. Dublin, Lucan Spa Hotel (special invitation), 2.30 p.m.; Strabane, Carricklee House, 12.0 noon; Newry, Sheepbridge, 12.30 p.m.; Mid-Antrim, Whiteside's Corner, 12.30 p.m.; South Union, Carrigaline, 11.30 a.m.; Wexford, Carrigbyrne House, 12.0 noon; Wicklow, Arklow, 12.0 noon; Tara, Trim, 11.30 a.m.; Naas, Blackhall Castle (by invitation), 12.0 noon; Roscommon, Tremane, 1.0 p.m.; Bree, Bree, 11.30 a.m. (old time); South Mayo, Clogher Cross, 12.0 noon; Mount Loftus, Dungarvan, 12.0 noon; North Armagh, Knockbridge, 12.0 noon; Kilkenny, Ballysalla Cross-roads, 11.30 a.m.; Nenagh, Ballycommon, 12.30 p.m.; Island, Craanford, 12.0 noon; Ballymacad, Oldcastle (Hunt Servants' Cap), 12.0 noon; North Kilkenny, Tullaroan, 11.0 a.m., Scarteen (Black and Tans), Knockcarron, 12.0 noon; Duhallow, Ballygibbin, 12.0 noon; East Down, Seaforde Front Gate, 1.0 p.m.; Limerick, Croom, 12.0 noon; Tipperary, Lismolin Cross, 12.0 noon.

M. Beary at Newmarket.—Michael Beary rode Lady Sybil's yearling brother, Lord Bobs, at exercise at Newmarket yesterday. Another of his mounts was Estrellita, a yearling filly by Mahmoud—Fille de Salut, which Lord Milton bought for 2,600 guineas. Lord Milton watched his horses at work.

LEINSTER HAS STRONG HOCKEY TEAM

By P. D. MacWEENEY.

My idea that the Leinster selectors had picked a Probables team definitely stronger than the Possibles for last Saturday's final trial was proved to be wrong, for the Possibles won 3-1, thus showing once more how richly endowed we are with half-backs. Three factors largely accounted for the surprising result: Parkinson's excellent work in goal, Stevenson's day out at full-back, and the solidity of Sanderson and Cecil Colter at half-back. On the run of the play the Probables should have won; the one goal they scored was the best of the game, but errors in defence were expensive, all the Blues' goals coming through that cause.

It was a good, hard game, and nobody can quarrel with the final decisions of the selectors for the game against Munster at Cork next month. Parkinson seems to be a real find in goal. Stevenson played himself back into favour, and on the day was a more effective right full-back than Stewart. With his pace and stick-work Lonergan may be a better proposition at right-half, even though the position is new to him, than either Colter or D'Arcy. Colter, though very reliable, is on the slow side, and D'Arcy lacks polish at present, though, in all probability, he will come to the front later on. Neither Sanderson nor Fleming possibly could be omitted, the latter surpassing King, who lost the argument to Leopold this time.

It is a thankless job picking inside forwards for Leinster, and the selectors had several alternatives, all of them rather risky, so, perhaps, they were right to play safe with McGilligan and Browne. Neither of these two had a good game on Saturday, but what are the alternatives? Lonergan certainly has proved himself a dangerous centre-forward in club hockey, and might, perhaps, have been given a chance there; Neville was very little behind Strong at inside-right, and it is a pity to see him passed over, but it is doubtful if he would be a success either at centre-forward or inside-left. Huet, the young Dalkey man, is not sufficiently forceful in his methods as yet for representative hockey, but he will repay watching.

The only forwards who cannot be challenged for their places are Leopold, who gets better every season, and Luce on the wings. Indeed, if international hockey were possible at present, Leopold would give de Lacy a real run for outside-right on the Irish team. He is delightfully neat with his stick, and hardly could be excelled in his judgment of a centre. This looks a strong Leinster team, and it will be disappointing if they fail to beat Munster for the first time in three years.

Longest Greyhound Race.—There will be a race over 1,180 yards at Catford Stadium on January 23. This is believed to be the longest greyhound race ever staged. There was once a race over 990 yards at Wembley Stadium, and Catford has held open races over 970 yards.

AXIS GAINS IN RUSSIA

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

THE above may seem a strange heading for a war commentary at a time when the general view is that it is the Russians who are actually gaining. The title, however, refers to the course of the 1942 campaigning as a whole, and is, therefore, allowable. In point of fact, an analysis of the Axis gains will serve to explain the *raison d'etre* of the Russian counter-offensive now in progress.

The very latest Russian attack—down the Don from the Voronezh sector and around Boguchar—is an extension of the original Serafimovitch attack. The latter is by now practically at its dead point, and the Russians are continuing the pressure by relay, as it were. Any Russian counterstroke to be really serious and threatening must be put in here—along the stretch of front from Voronezh to Stalingrad. The other jaw of the pincers, "south-west of Stalingrad," is altogether weaker. There is no bridge across the Volga whereby it can be fed. Consequently it is not surprising to read of Russian forces here as consisting of "tanks, Cossacks, guards, mortar-men, light artillery and other mobile units." It may also be noted that it is here that German counter-attacks were latterly heaviest. But to return to the actual business of the Axis 1942 advances and material gains achieved.

COMPARISON

In the first place, they have gained an entire year of time—less the period of the Russian winter counter-offensive of last year. This means that their positions along the northern half of the front are that much stronger. Defence works, communications, living quarters, etc., must certainly now be in much better shape. This assumption seems to be proved sound by the undoubted fact that recent Russian attacks in the Veliky Luki-Rzev region have met with relatively less success than did similar attacks a year ago. This, of course, fits in quite logically with the now avowed policy of *Die Festung Europa*.

This, however, is only a negative sort of gain. Has there been anything elsewhere of a more definite and positive kind? Unquestionably, there is. This year's Axis gains in Russia come under four heads—(a) complete occupation of the Crimea; (b) complete occupation of the Ukraine; (c) a footing secured in the Caucasus; (d) the Volga navigation interrupted. Now, it may be argued—and there may be solid grounds for such a contention—that more was hoped for at one time. To any such thesis the best answer is Moltke's—that, "generally speaking, a tactical victory rarely fails to fit in with a strategic design. Success in battle has always been thankfully accepted and turned to account." The "strategic design" in this instance was, of course, the organisation of *Die Festung Europa*. Let us examine how such a purpose is furthered under each of the four headings mentioned above.

NAVAL OPERATIONS

The occupation of the Crimea—reinforced by that of Novorossisk—has very largely impaired the effectiveness of the Russian Black Sea fleet, pushed back by these operations into a sort of naval cul-de-sac. It is true that, in the strictly naval sense, the Axis Powers are scarcely in an adequate situation to exploit this advantage: the Mediterranean of late calls for increasing attention on their part. But the relief to their communications, by making the water-route up the Sea of Azov available, is of immediate and powerful assistance to their armies in the whole Kuban-Caucasus region. And the defensive value is obvious in the event of such a course becoming necessary.

As to the Ukraine, the Donbass alone produced sixty per cent. of Russia's coal, while Kharkov, Rostov, Mariupol and Voroshilovgrad were the homes of engineering and industrial plants of quite the first order of importance. Not even the recent considerable Russian successes north of the Chir, and between that river and the Don, have succeeded in loosening the Axis grip on the region, the agricultural resources of which are also very great.

OILFIELD

The Caucasian region occupied—roughly the triangular area between the mountain range and the lower Don—is one of enormous agricultural wealth. Great crops of wheat, oats, barley, rye and sugar-beet were here produced. The area also includes the very useful subsidiary oilfield of Maikop-Armavir. This would have its value greatly enhanced if the Germans had been in possession of Tuapse—the port of the pipe-line from this oilfield. Even as things are, however, this field is likely to be of great local use. In this order of ideas it is interesting to speculate whether any rapid oil-from-coal distillation method has been invented. The existing military situation, at all events, must have been long foreseen and provided for on general lines.

These notes have so frequently stressed the vital significance of the interruption of Volga navigation at Stalingrad that it is unnecessary to deal with it any further.

WINTER MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, RESULTS

THE following are the results of the winter medical examination at University College, Dublin:—

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. Degrees.—Honours—First Class—O'Malley, Eoin; Drury, Michael I. F.; van Miert, Pieter J. M.; O'Donnell, Brendan A.; MacHale, Margaret M. G.; O'Driscoll, Michael K.; Gogan, Irial; Ryan, Oliver P. D.; Hanratty, Thomas D. B.; Donovan, Patrick F. Second Class—Griffin, Anthony T., B.A.; McMahon, Anne; O'Meara, John A. J.; Hollywood, John; Hurley, Gerald C.; O'Donnell, Patrick J.; Gleeson, Edward W.; Tierney, Nuala; McVerry, Theresa; Tuchmann, Anna M.; Bourke, John P. H.

Pass—Brady, Richard N.; Casey, Helena B. A.; Cassidy, Thomas; Coleman, Mary M.; Collins, John B.; Connolly, Katherine M.; Conway, Desmond W. S. M.; Curran, Daniel D.; Curtin, Mary A. T. J.; De Vere, Marie M.; Donnolly, Stella M. B.; Fennell, Cyril J.; Flanagan, John J.; Flanigan, Francis D.; Flynn, Gerald J., B.A.; Halley, Richard A.; Hand, Brian J., B.A.; Healy, Thomas; Hughes, Veronica T.; Joyce, Joseph C.; Kidney, John G.; Lorigan, Charles A.; Lynch, Roland F.; McCartan, Michael; McEntee, Laurence; MacGinnis, Dermot M.; McGlinchy, Nancy; MacHugh, Thomas F.; Marx, Richard; Mulligan, Hannah; Murphy, Mary I.; Nolan, Helen D. M.; O'Donnell, Michael J.; O'Donovan, Michael O.; O'Dwyer Richard; O'Kelly, Diarmuid J.; O'Mahony, Patrick F.; Paine, William A.; Power, James; Purcell, Gerald M.; Reilly, Neel; Saul, John E.; Sullivan, Catherine; Waldron, Michael J.; Walls, Hugh E. C.; Wolfgarten, Josef.

M.D. Degree (Tuberculosis)—MacArdle, Christopher K., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

M.Ch. Degree—Duff, Francis A. J. M., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., B.Sc.P.H.; Hurley, Jeremiah, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Diploma in Psychological Medicine—Dolphin Vincent J., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.; Fagan, Mary L., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Diploma in Child Health—O'Herlihy, Fergus C., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., B.Sc.P.H.

Third Dental.—Second Class Honours—O'Keeffe, Eithne M.

B.D.S. Degree.—Pass—Kennealy, David G.; Larkin, John; McDermot, Michael G.; Ni Chionnaith, Aine; O'Brien, Francis X.; O'Carroll, Francis; O'Donnell, Stephen R.; Pierse, Garrett; Power, Finola M.; Savage, Michael J.

Third Medical Part I.—Supplemental—Honours—Second Class—McAuley, Francis D.; Kinsella, James J. Pass—Bresnihan John J.; Doherty, Patrick J.; Egan, Mary E. A.; Hughes, Vincent B.; Jordan, Oliver P.; Killeen, Michael P.; Mehigan, Michael T. F.; Nolan, Cormac; O'Connell, William F.; O'Grady, John M.; O'Kelly, Bernard J.; O'Sullivan, Kevin P.

THREE ACTIONS SETTLED

The following settlements were announced before the President of the High Court yesterday:—

William Reilly, St. Mary's road, East Wall, Dublin, whose right hand was injured in a sweet-making machine on the premises of Rice Steele and Co., Ltd., Brabazon street, Coombe, on October 9 last, is to be paid £350 and a sum for costs. Messrs. Roger Greene and Sons were solicitors for Mr. Reilly; and Mr. Sean Ryan, solicitor, of Messrs. James O'Connor and Co., appeared for Messrs. Steele.

Miss Joan Cusack, Upper Glenageary road, Glenageary, County Dublin, who was injured when a motor car of Denis Sinnott, Lower Camden street, Dublin, in which she was travelling, and another car collided near Ballsbridge, on April 9 last, is to receive £200 and a sum for costs. Mr. Ernest Wood (instructed by Mr. M. E. Veale) appeared for Miss Cusack; and Mr. Sean Ryan, of Messrs. James O'Connor and Co., for Mr. Sinnott.

Miss Elizabeth King, St. Anne's, Foster avenue, Blackrock, who was struck by a motor car owned by Sir William Haldane Porter, "Killacoona," Killiney, on the Stillorgan road on June 14, 1940, is to be paid £200 and a sum for costs. Mr. Liam Trant-McCarthy was solicitor for Miss King; and Mr. Sean Ryan, of Messrs. James O'Connor and Co., appeared for Sir W. Haldane Porter.

PLOT ROBBERS WARNED

A warning to plot robbers was issued in Dublin yesterday by Senior District Justice Hannan when convicting two girls for the larceny of potatoes from allotments at Crumlin. It was a serious offence, said Mr. Hannan, and was not fair to the plot-owners. The people who received and used the stolen vegetables were as much to blame as those who stole them, and he would have to send other offenders to prison.

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Carrickmines.—Ladies—Turkey, 27 holes aggregate: Mrs. Deale, 105; Mrs. Shannon, 107½. Jan. 14—Medal, strokes.

Kilcroney.—Turkey finals—Men: J. W. Lane, 107½; C. C. Callaghan, 110½; A. Dunne, 111; T. P. Kennedy, 113. Ladies: Miss N. Dunne, 109½; Mrs. Desmond Butler, 119; Mrs. A. P. Graves, 119½.

Killiney.—Ladies—Sweep—I.: Miss Halpin (9), 41. II.: Miss Ashlin (13½), 42½.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

To-day — Ward Union, Ratoath, 1.30 p.m.; Thurles and Kilshane, Turtulla Cross, 12.0 noon; Kildare, Millicent Cross-roads, 11.30 a.m.; Fingal, The Boot, 1.0 p.m.; Co. Longford, M'Giff's Cross-roads, 1.0 p.m.; Waterford, Feddan's Cross, 11.30 a.m.; Carlow, Kellistown, 11.30 a.m.; Newry, Curley House, 12.30 p.m.; South Union, Raffeen, 11.30 a.m.; Wexford, Stokestown, 12.0 noon; Wicklow, Ballinatray Bridge, 12.0 noon, South Mayo, Ballyglass, 12.0 noon; Mount Loftus, Graig-na-Managh, 12.0 noon; Ballymacad, Loughcrew Gate (Beary's), 12.0 noon; North Kilkenny, Castlecomer, 11.0 a.m.; Scarteen (Black and Tans), Ballinamona, 12.0 noon.

To-morrow—Meath, Dunderry, 11.30 a.m.; Bray, Kennels, 12.30 p.m.; Strabane, Victoria Bridge, 1.0 p.m.; Mid-Antrim, Killyree, 12.30 p.m.; Naas, Kildangan Castle (by invitation) 12.0 noon; Kilkenny, Boolyglass Village, 11.30 a.m.; Nenagh, Knigh, 12.30 p.m.; Duhallow, Terry's Screens, 11.30 a.m.; Tipperary, Rosegreen Village, 12.0 noon.

APPEAL OF DUBLIN CHARITIES

THIS year, more than ever before, Dublin's charitable organisations and institutions deserve the unstinted support of the citizens of Dublin. With the essential foodstuffs at famine prices, destitution is rampant. Dublin's unselfish army of welfare workers are striving earnestly to extend a helping hand to necessitous men, women and children. They appeal for money, clothes and fruit to enable them to brighten the Christmas of those unable to provide for themselves the necessities of life. With the limited means at their disposal, Dublin's charities already have completed arrangements to succour and entertain thousands of Dubliners on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Subscriptions, no matter how small, will be very acceptable.

THE LIST

Here is a list of charities which should make a direct appeal to the charitably-disposed people.

Dublin Sailors' Rest, North Wall—The men will be entertained to Christmas dinner and supper, and a musical programme also will be provided. Boxing Day also will be marked by substantial meals and festivities. The Rest needs money, woollens and cigarettes.

The Mission to Seamen, Eden Quay, has a programme of festivities beginning on Christmas Day and lasting for a week. They extend a hearty welcome to all seafarers. The claims of the men who daily risk their lives bringing necessary commodities to our shores need no stressing.

Linden Convalescent Home depends solely on the subscriptions of the public. 150 patients are cared for every week by the Sisters of Charity.

St. Brigid's Penny Dinners are taken by 1,000 people every day. Children are supplied free of charge. This charity is run under the auspices of the Bon Secour Nuns, 64 Lower Mount street, and financial help will be gratefully received.

St. Anthony's Penny Dinners, run by the Sisters of Charity, Seville place, are partaken of by 400 daily. The nuns appeal for funds.

YOUNG PATIENTS

St. Mary's Hospital, Cappagh, tends hundreds of young patients. This hospital is in charge of the Irish Sisters of Charity, who want more money to help in the good work.

Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Adelaide road, is meeting with a ready response to the appeal for gifts, and hope to give their 80 patients a very happy time at Christmas. Gifts of fruit will prove especially acceptable.

The Salvation Army will provide free meals on Christmas Day and relieve generally homeless men. Gifts should be sent to 8 Garden View, Rathmines.

St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter, Back lane, during the past year housed more than 16,000 homeless men, and seeks help to maintain this work of mercy.

Dublin Shelter for Men, Tara street, also is performing great work for the homeless.

Sisters of Charity, Stanhope street, train young girls from 14 years of age. Founded in 1819, the charity has since given a home and education to many hundreds of Irish girls whose parents were unable to do so.

The Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, is run by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who need toys and gifts for the hundreds of children under their care.

Dublin Central Mission, George's Hall, will carry on the good work of supplying the poor with food, clothes and fuel.

OTHER CHARITIES

St. Vincent de Paul Male Orphanage, Glasnevin, is run by the Irish Christian Brothers, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It caters for boys from 8 to 16 years of age.

Marrowbone Lane Samaritan Fund feeds 200 convalescent children daily, and appeals for funds to enable its workers to maintain their labours.

Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, appeals for donations, which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Reverend Mother. The institution is conducted by the Irish Sisters of Charity. There are beds for 115 patients, and always there is a waiting list.

St. Joseph's Orphanage, Tivoli road, Dun Laoghaire, also solicits the aid of well-wishers. Clothes and toys also will prove highly acceptable.

Man Injured by Falling Wall.—Patrick Bradley, Monemale, Omagh, sustained fracture of the pelvis when a wall collapsed on him. He was buried in the débris for five hours before being rescued and removed to hospital.

Investors' Difficulties Increasing As Months Go By

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Monday.

WHATEVER may be the outcome of the dispute between the Chairman and the Board of Carreras, Ltd., the shareholders have the satisfaction of knowing that the company is in a sound position. The accounts for the year to October 31 last show current assets at £6,779,600, or £3,083,148 more than current liabilities. In addition, the company owns marketable and other securities, including tax reserve certificates, valued at £1,994,798.

The most striking feature of the balance sheet is the increase in the value of stock from £1,786,537 to £3,363,741, which suggests that the company is strongly entrenched against any shortage of supplies.

Gross profits were £903,480 more than in the previous year at £3,122,625, but this increase is more than absorbed by taxation, which, at £2,459,330, is £924,866 higher. The dividend is maintained at 27½ per cent.

Trustees and other investors who usually direct their attention to Gilt-edged, find their difficulties mounting as months go by. Supplies available for re-investment purposes have been distinctly short for the last year or two. This has resulted from requisitioning and repayment of important loans. No new issues have been permitted to replace stocks redeemed other than British Government loans to finance the war. The outlook for 1943 shows no signs of improvement. In fact, it is now known that five South African Government issues will be paid off next February, amounting to over £42,000,000.

Supplies of Corporation stocks are negligible, and good-class Debentures are almost unobtainable. The inevitable result is the forcing of credits into Government loans. That largely explains the improvement seen in British Funds yesterday. Dealers had expected little business between now and the new year, but they found that some holders of the South African loans were busy making arrangements for the re-investment of the money coming from the repayment of their loans.

It can, of course, be argued that a good market for the Funds will have a beneficial effect all round.

More interest has been taken in Mexican securities since the country entered the war. Mexican securities have been doubtful propositions for an extended period. The taking over of the Mexican oil industry by the Government some years ago was held as a threat against other Mexican industries in which British capital had been largely invested. The situation is now regarded as somewhat improved, but time alone can tell whether the industries of the country will be permitted to develop unhindered by Mexican Government interference.

Mexican Corporation has paid a 10 p.c. dividend for the year to last June (against nil), and an interim of 5 p.c. is to be paid on account of the current year. Working costs are rising, but the results for the current year are expected to be favourable. There is support for the 10/- shares of the Corporation around 8/9 ex div.

A few days ago Wenlock Brewery announced an Ord. dividend for the year to October 31 last of 10 p.c. tax free (against 8 p.c. tax free). On that news the price of the £1 Ord. shares rose 10/6 yesterday to 72/6. Available balance last year, after providing £51,858 for taxation, was £57,302 (against £59,669 previously, when tax required £49,589). The increase in dividend was made possible by a reduction in transfer to taxation reserve, which this time is £5,000 against £25,000 a year ago. There is, however, a provision of £10,000 for deferred repairs against nil, but the total of such allocations is £15,000 (against £25,000). It is thus possible to raise the Ord. dividend and to carry forward £115,183 (against £110,381).

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

* Ex Dividend + Ex Rights. ‡ Ex Bonus.

BRITISH FUNDS

Consols 2½% ...	81 3/16	81 7/16	+3/16	3½% Conversion	106⅛	106⅜	+⅛
Do. 4%	111½	111¾	+⅛	5% Conversion..	103¼	103¾	
3½% War Loan	104 7/16	104 9/16	+3/16	2½% Land	90	92*	
3% War Loan...	102	102⅛	+1/16	I.F.S. 4½% Ld	114½	116½	
Funding Loan ..	113¼	113½	+1/16	India 3½%	99¾	100	
Victory Bonds...	113½	114½		Local Loans	96 3/16	96 7/16	+⅛
3% Conversion...	103	104		Nat. Def. 2½%..	101¼	102¼	

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS.

Brazil 20-Yr. A	74	+1	Sth. Def. Ord..	22½		B.A. & Western	12	
Do. 40-Yr. B.	59	+1	Do. 5% Pref...	110		Do. 4% Deb...	59½	
Gt. Western...	57	−¼	Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	55½		Canadian Pac.	16⅜	+1/32
L.M.S. Ord. ...	27½	+⅛	B.A. Mid. 4% Deb.	58		C.Arg. 4% Deb.	43½	
Do. 4% Pref...	75½		B.A. Gt. Sth.	11¼	+¼	Do. 5% Deb... 1967-87	29	
Do. 5% Rd. Pf	101½		Do. 4% Deb..	61		Bank of Eng..	370½	
Do. 4% Pf. '23	62		B.A. & Pac. 4% Deb.....	72		Barclay A.....	54/0	
L.N.E. Pf. Ord	8⅝	−⅛	Do. Con 4½%. Deb.	55½		Lloyds	56/6	
Do. Def.	4⅜					Midland	9 11/16	
Do. 1st Pref...	60½					Westminster ..	68/0	
Do. 2nd Pref..	31½					Do. £4, £1 pd.	86/6	
Sth. Pref. Ord.	74¼	−¼						

INDUSTRIALS.

Austin (5/-)....	19/9	+0/1½	Courtaulds	45/0	−0/1½	London Brick .	48/9	
Assoc. Cement.	53/1½		Carreras B	15/1½		Morris	38/4½	
Babcock & W..	48/6		Dorman L.	22/6		Murex	101/3	
Baldwins	6/1½		Dunlop	33/9	+0/1½	Marks & S.	46/3	−0/9
Brown (J.)	28/7½	−0/3	Distillers	84/0*		P. & O. Def. ...	31/1½	
B.S.A.	23/3		Elec. & Mus. ..	19/0		Rolls Royce ...	100/0	
Bleachers	8/10½		English Cotton	35/0		S.A. Breweries.	119/0	−1/6
Brad. Dyers ...	14/6	−0/3	Ever Ready ...	35/6		Stewart & L. ..	50/3	
Brit. Celanese..	16/0		Ford	31/6		Sudan Plants. ..	36/9	
B.A. Tobacco..	98/9		Fine Spinners..	16/3		Thomas (R.) ...	8/6	+0/1½
Beechams	37/6*		Gallaher	6¼		Tob. Secs. T. ..	67/6	
Do. Defd.	13/0		Guinness	116/3	+1/6	Tate & Lyle ...	65/6	−0/3
Boots Drug	38/6		Gen. Electric..	85/6		Triplex	30/10½	+0/1½
Braz. Trac.	20 25/32	+1½	Harrods	44/6		Tube Invest. ...	89/6	
Brit. Alum.	49/0		Hudson's Bay..	35/3		Turner & N. ..	73/3	+0/3
Brit. Pistr. Bd.	26/6		Hawker Sid. ...	18/3*		United Steel ...	26/0	
Br. P. Cement.	82/6		Harland & W.	15/6		United South. ..	77/6	
Bass	157/3	+0/6	Imp. Tobacco..	7 3/16		Utd. Molasses	29/1½	
Brit. Insulated	99/9		Imp. Chemicals	36/4½	+0/1½	Vickers	17/10½	
Coast Lines ...	14/0		Int. Nickel	45¼		Wall Paper Df.	32/0	
Cab. & W. Ord.	75		Leyland	69/0		White Tomkins	41/6	
Calico Print. ..	12/7½		Lever	33/3	+0/3	Watney Def ...	74/6	−0/3
Coats	41/4½		Lever N.V.	29/3		Woolworth	59/1½	

MINES.						OILS—RUBBERS.		
Ashanti	51/9	−0/9	Libanon	11/4½		Anglo-Iranian	78/1½	
Bibiani	19/3	−0/3	Luipaards	14/6		Attock	42/6	
Blyvoor	41/3		Marievale	22/6		Burmah	54/4½	
Brakpan	25/7½		Roan	13/9		Can. Eagle ...	10/4½	−0/1½
Chartered	25/1½		Rhod. Ang. A.	15/3*		Mex. Eagle ...	11/3	−0/1½
Cons. Afr. Sel.	14/9		Rhodesian Sel	13/6*		Shell	64/4½	+0/7½
Cons. G.F. ...	40/7½		Rhokana	6¾		Trin. Lease ...	75/0	+0/7½
Crown	9		Rio Tinto	11½		Do. Pet. Dev.	65/0	
Daggafontein..	1 15/16		Selec. Trust...	16/3		Anglo-Dutch ..	13/6	
De Beers	11¼	+⅛	S.A. Land	80/0		Anglo-Malay ..	6/7½	
Durban Deep..	3⅛		Venterspost ...	27/6		Highlands	11/3	
East Geduld ..	9⅛		Victoria Falls	4		Kuala Lumpur	13/0	
E. Rand Prop	39/4½		Vogels'bult ..	26/10½		Malacca	8/6	
Geduld	7¼		West. Holding	17/0		Malayalam ...	32/6	
Govt. Areas...	36/3		West. Reefs...	44/1½		Rubber Trust.	17/9	
J'burg Cons. ..	43/9		West. Springs	29/4½		U. Sua Betong	24/6	
Langlaagte ...	7/6		West Wit.	6 1/16		Utd. Serdang..	1/8¼	

HOLIDAY MARKETS IN DUBLIN

IN view of the approaching holidays markets started the week in quiet fashion on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday. There was a steady demand for local Securities, and most issues maintained a firm appearance.

Home Funds were steady to harder, and Fourth National Loan and 4 p.c. Land Bonds marked fractional gains. Dublin 3½ p.c. 1955/'80 advanced 30/- to 103½, and Rathmines and Rathgar 3½ p.c. made headway to par.

Banks were neglected, apart from Bank of Ireland stock, which was strongly supported up to 344, a rise of two points. Guinness Units held up well at 116/-.

Rails made a neglected showing, and Great Northern Ord. drooped to 27. Dublin Transport Ord. hardened to 20/7½, and Alliance Gas Ord. repeated 21/9.

Batchelor Ireland) Ord. came on offer and lost 1/- at 11/6, but Dolphin Hotel Ord. jumped 20/- to 80/- for a small lot. Independent "B" Ord. spurted 2/6 to 60/-, and Irish Times 2nd Pref. rose to 15/-. Some other Irish Industrials met with steady support at unchanged levels.

Imperial Tobacco Ord. fell 1/- to 143/3, and B.A.T. Ord. quoted 98/3. Coats Ord. quoted 41/1½, and "Emmies" 19/1½. Brazilian Tractions displayed renewed firmness at 20⅝.

COMPANY NEWS

Jordan (L.), Ltd.—Dividend of 6 per cent. (1/2 2-5 per share) on Ordinary Shares, making 10 per cent. for period from 11/10/'41 to 30/9/'42 (same); £16,165 forward. Net profit £8,063 (£6,039).

WOOL

BRADFORD.—The wool sorting allotment for January is on the same basis as December and recent months. An increase had been hoped for, but current output is sufficient to satisfy the needs of the spinning section, where productive capacity is restricted by the amount of skilled labour available. More inquiry is reported in the yarn market on export account.

MANCHESTER.—Bleachers, 8/9-9/3; Dyers, 14/6-14/9; "Slubbers," 5/3-5/9; Calicos, 12/3-12/6; Coats, 41/3-41/9; Courtaulds, 44/9-45/3; Dunlops, 33/3-33/9; Cottons, 34/6-35/6; Velvet, 6/9-7/-; Spinners, 15/9-16/3; Henrys, 16/-16/6; Turner and Newall, 73/-74/-; Wall Paper Def., 32/-32/6.

FUNERAL

MR. DAVID BINNIE

The funeral of Mr. David Binnie, 51 Rathdown Park, Terenure, Dublin, took place yesterday to Mount Jerome Cemetery. Mr. Binnie was for the past twenty years Assistant Traffic Manager of Messrs. A. Guinness, Son and Co., Ltd., and was formerly an official of the London North Western Railway Company.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev. R. Montgomery and the Rev. T. Bole. The Very Rev. Dr. R. K. Hanna was in attendance.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Lilian Binnie (widow), Miss Binnie (sister).

The attendance included:—Messrs. G. Wilson, W. J. Connell, W. D. Robertson, F. Wiltshire, W. E. F. Manning, C. Mortier, R. W. Eaton, E. K. MacKenna, J. Delaney, J. H. Barton, Warren Storey, G. S. Phillpotts, G. Findlay, P. G. Warnock, W. W. Warnock, Robert E. Stokes, F. G. Bell, J. B. Hamilton, W. J. Keery, G. Martin, W. W. Mitchell, F. S. Velton, H. Sutcliffe, A. N. Priestman, W. Kennedy, Dr. Peel, J. Marshall, A. W. Sterling, E. J. F. Holland, W. Petrie, M. S. Doheny, A. R. Ellis, J. Hubbard Clark, E. C. Bannister, T. Gillespie T. W. Wisdom, C. Somerfield, T. G. Whisker, W. J. Bell, J. J. Lee, F. M. J. Kerr, T. O. Ruttledge, J. A. Rutledge, C. C. Richardson, J. Karmel, Leonard Webb, P. G. Willis, G. Hermanni, A. J. Broughton, F. E. Jones, G. R. Humphreys, E. O. Humphreys, J. S. Fyffe, J. W. Smith, J. Brooks, P. C. Bell, W. Morrison Milne, G. W. Narramore, W. E. Quigley, G. P. Kelso, D. Toomey.

W. H. Tennant, J. McGauran, J. McLachlan, P. Hanlon, H. P. Dockrell, T. H. Mason, D. Stewart, G. G. Williamson, V. Watestone, W. E. Jolley, J. St. J. Burrowes, D. S. Gillespie, W. McConbrey, R. G. Houston, A. J. Lyttle, D. P. Byers, F. W. Johnston, A. H. Cardy, W. A. Judge, S. T. Dillon, P. A. Foley, J. Spiers, H. Burchell, D. MacKenzie, H. E. Hinner, C. T. Calwell, E. K. Eason, J. H. Scott, J. H. Cathcart, W. M. Stronach, E. A. W. Selfe, A. G. Franks, K. O. Thomson, R. L. Monson, R. W. Marshall, J. McKinley, R. N. Gray, J. C. McBride, C. Johnston, V. J. Fielding, J. Martin, J. Cassie, D. J. Bennie, P. F. Williams, D. P. Calder, H. G. Smith, A. G. Bruty, A. O. Bruty, A. R. Peterson, Misses Rumball, D. Penney, H. Smith, J. Lyons, Dorothy Bright, A. Coolican, A. Goodwin, J. Campbell, M. Redmond, etc.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Miller and Co., Ltd., Bray, under the personal supervision of Mr. T. M. Collier.

BLIND IRISH TYPIST

John Hehir, the totally blind Braille shorthand writer, has got a job. He is employed as a shorthand typist in one of the Government offices in Great Britain.

Last month the National Council for the Blind of Ireland announced that Mr. Hehir had completed a course and was fully qualified as a Braille shorthand writer.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS — 4½ p.c. Third National Loan (under £200) (114) 114¼; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (108¾) 109; do. (under £200) (108½) 108¾; 3¼ p.c. National Security (105¼) *105⅛ ¼; do. (under £200) (105) 105⅛; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (115⅞) 115⅞; do. (under £200) (115¾) 115¾; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (106⅞) 107; do. (under £200) (106¾) 106¾; 3½ p.c. War Loan (104½) 104½ ⅝; do. (under £200) (104⅜) 104⅜.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—Dublin 3½ p.c. 1955/'80 (102) *103½; do. 5 p.c. 1946/'76 (104 7/16) 105b; Rathmines and Rathgar 3½ p.c. (98 15/32) 100.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (342) 344 4.

BREWERIES—Guinness Ord. (116/-) *116/-.

RAILS, ETC.—Great Northern Ord. (27½) *27; Great Southern Pref. (22) *22; Dublin Transport Ord. (20/6) *20/7½; do. "A" Deb. (101¼) *101¼.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Alliance Gas Ord. (21/9) 21/9; do. Deb. (104) 104; Batchelor (Ireland) Ord. (12/6) 11/6; Carroll Ord. (32/-) 32/-; Crean (J.) Ord. (7/10½) 7/10½; Dolphin Hotel Ord. (60/-) *80/-; Independent "B" Ord. (57/6) *60/-; Irish Times 2nd Pref. (14/9) 15/-; Martin (T. and C.) Ord. (45/-) 45/-.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS — B.A.T. Ord. *98/3; British Plaster Boards 26/9; Carrier Engineering Ord. 28/9; Coats (J. and P.) Ord. 41/1½; Electric and Musical Industrials 19/1½; Imperial Tobacco Ord. (144/3) 143/3; Rhodesian Corporation 2/6¾; Val d'Or Rubbers 6d.

AMERICAN SECURITIES—Brazilian Tractions (20⅛) 20⅝.

FOOD MARKETS

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN CHRISTMAS POULTRY.—Small supplies met a brisk demand at—Turkeys, cocks 2/3 to 2/6, hens 2/5 to 2/8; geese 1/5 to 1/7, and chickens 1/5 to 1/8 per lb.

DUBLIN FISH.—Lobsters 39/- to 56/- per 13; soles 1/6 to 5/7, turbot and brill 2/2 to 3/6 per lb.; cod 69/- to 90/-, ray 20/- to 50/-, herrings 32/6 to 40/-, codling 75/-, and flounders 30/- to 35/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Light offerings cleared readily at—Savoy cabbage, large 40/-, small 20/- to 30/- load; parsley 6d. chip, cauliflowers 3/- to 5/- and seconds 2/- to 2/6 dozen.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Best table classes 9/- and Banners 8/- per cwt. ex store.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Haddocks, sprags, codling, whiting, ling, coalfish, cod, catfish and bream 7/- (heads on); lemon soles 15/3, halibut 21/3, plaice 15/3, hake 9/3, dabs 15/3, roker and skate 7/- per stone.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Monday.—The Stock Exchange opened firm but quiet. Dealings dwindled subsequently, and in the final hour, while advances up to a point were evident, equal losses were plentiful. The war news was a cheerful inspiration, and business developments were helpful to individual stocks.

The close was irregular. Sales totalling 771,000 shares comprised 843 issues, of which 272 advanced, 323 declined, and 248 remained unchanged.—(Reuter.)

USED TO BE AWAKE HALF THE NIGHT

With Pains of Indigestion

Not least amongst the sufferings caused by indigestion are the sleepless nights which the victim often has to endure. The writer of this letter tells how she found a way of overcoming her trouble, and recommends her discovery to other sufferers:—

"Having been a big sufferer from indigestion and heartburn for quite a few years now, and seeing an advertisement for Rennies, I thought I would try them, and I have found great relief. If I have an attack in the night, I just get a Rennie, which I always keep handy, and soon find relief and can sleep again. I used to be awake half the night. I have found much benefit from Rennies. I think anyone suffering as I have should never be without them."—(Mrs.) C. W.

1,198 doctors have written praising Digestif Rennies. The relief which Rennies bring is three-fold. They contain antacids to neutralise acidity, absorbents to reduce stomach gas, and digestive ferments which actively aid digestion. Rennies dissolve in the mouth. They become active at once, because they reach your stomach full strength—not weakened with water.

All Chemists sell Rennies: 7d. and 2/- pkt.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.
COMMENCING ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
7.15 ONCE NIGHTLY 7.15
Matinees: Dec. 26th; Monday, 28th; Wednesday, 30th; Saturday, Jan. 2nd.
JIMMY O'DEA in
NEW AND ORIGINAL PANTOMIME,
"THE ACE OF QUEENS."
By HARRY O'DONOVAN.
with May Devitt, Josephine O'Hagan.
Booking Open Daily. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

OLYMPIA THEATRE.
NIGHTLY AT 7.30.
The New Comedy Revue,
"THIS IS IT,"
with Harry Bailey, Hughes Sisters, Leo and His Harp, Jackie Walshe. Commencing Boxing Day at 2.30. The Great Edgar Benyon Presents: "BAM-BOO-ZALEM." Booking 10.30-6, 9.30-9. Tel. 22962.

ABBEY THEATRE
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT, 7.30 O'C.,
"THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD."
By J. M. SYNGE.
Setting and Costumes Designed by Sean Keating, R.H.A.

GATE Edwards-MacLiammoir. Opening St. Stephen's Day
"JACK-IN-THE-BOX."
Nightly 7.15; Matinee 2.30. Booking 10.30—7. 'Phone 44045.

METROPOLE To-day at 2.30, 4.45, 7.0, 9.15.
DON AMECHE, LYNN BARI,
Henry Fonda & Edward Everett Horton in "THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE."

GRAFTON Continuous, 2 to 10.30 2.20, 4.30, 6.40, 8.50.
Douglas Fairbanks—Margaret Lockwood, Gordon Harker—Elissa Landi, in "THE AMATEUR GENTLEMAN."

THEATRE DE LUXE
Dublin Super Cinema, 3-10-30 p.m. Lloyd Nolan and Marjorie Weaver in "THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T DIE." Showing at 4.25, 6.55 9.25.

CORINTHIAN.—Harry James and his Music Makers; The Andrew Sisters in "Private Buckaroo," 2.37, 4.55, 7.13, 9.30. Johnny McBrown in "Montana [illegible]" 3.41, 5.59, 8.19. Note—Cinema [illegible] St. Stephen's Day.

ASTORIA DUN LAOGHAIRE. At 3.27, 6.15, 9.3. Vivien Leigh, Charles Laughton in "ST. MARTIN'S LANE." [illegible] Linden in "Criminals Within."

QUEEN'S.—Big Variety Show plus Monster Talent on Parade. To-morrow (Wednesday) is Prize Night—12 Cash Prizes. Film: Leon Errol in "Mexican Spitfire Sees a Ghost." Dec. 26—The Loveliest Pantomime of all "Cinderella," with Eire O'Reilly, [illegible] Harvey and Star Cast.

GREEN.—2.30, 4.40, 6.50, 9.0. Leslie Howard, "SCARLET PIMPERNEL." Doors Open 1.30 Joel McCrea, Geo. Sanders, "FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT." Also "CHAMPION CHARLIE," Charles Chaplin.

WARD UNION HUNT.
THE ANNUAL
HUNT BALL
will be Held in the
GRESHAM HOTEL, DUBLIN,
On FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1943.
Tickets £1, can be had from P. F. [illegible], The Ward, Co. Dublin, or the Gresham Hotel.

BOOKS
FOR
XMAS GIFTS.
NO PURCHASE TAX.
COMBRIDGE,
GRAFTON ST.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 166) ORDER, 1942.
BONUS ORDERS.
CEMETERY LABOURERS—DUBLIN.

Advisory Tribunals, established under Article 9 of the above Order by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, will investigate and report on applications under the above Bonus Orders, made by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, applicable to Labourers employed at the Glasnevin and Mount Jerome Cemeteries, in the area of County Borough of Dublin.

Sittings of the Tribunals will be held on Thursday, 31st December, 1942, at the hour of 2.45 p.m., in the offices of the Department of Industry and Commerce, Kildare street, Dublin.

Interested parties are invited to attend to submit evidence.

Department of Industry and Commerce.
C 2858 W.H.Co.

EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 165) ORDER, 1942.
CLOSING OF MILL.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce hereby gives notice to all whom it may concern that he has, under date 10th December, 1942, made an Order under Article 9 of the above-named Order, directing that Milling shall not be carried on at:—

Mr. James Furlong's Mill, situated at Killabeg, Coolkenna, CO. WICKLOW.

The Mill in question has now been Closed.

Department of Industry and Commerce, 15th December, 1942.
C 2858 W.H.Co.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICES TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of WILLIAM JOHN HAUGHTON, late of Burrin House, Carlow, in the County of Carlow, Merchant, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of or having any claims against the Estate of the above Deceased, who died on the 7th [illegible] 1942, are hereby required to send particulars of such claims on or before the 12th day of January, 1943, to the undersigned Solicitors for the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, the Executors of said Deceased, to whom Probate of said Will was granted on the [illegible] October, 1942, forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice in Eire. And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 12th day of January, 1943, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1942.
MALCOMSON and LAW, Solicitors for said Executors, Court place, Carlow.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of JEANNIE WESTLAND McLEAN, late of Clifton Lodge, Drumcondra, Dublin, Married Woman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons claiming to be creditors of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 5th day of [illegible] 1942, are hereby required before the 1st day of February, 1943, to furnish particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor, to whom Probate was granted on the 13th day of October, 1942.

After the said 1st day of February 1943 the Executor will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have been given notice.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1942.
GERALD F. ROBINSON, Solicitor for the Executor, 13 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

DUGGAN.—If Bertram William Duggan, last heard of in Ireland, whose mother married twice, will communicate with [illegible] Yeates and Hart, 23 Surrey street, London, W.C.2, he may hear of something to his advantage.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

COUNTY KILDARE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The above Committee has a vacancy for a permanent whole-time Metalwork and Engineering Instructor. Salary and qualifications will be in accordance with Memorandum V.7 (revised).

Forms of application and conditions of appointment can be obtained from the undersigned on receipt of a stamped and addressed foolscap envelope.

Completed application forms will be received not later than Thursday, 7th January, 1943.

J. J. MULLOWNEY, B.Comm., Chief Executive Officer.
County Office, Technical School, Naas.

CAROLS at ST. PATRICK'S
THIS EVENING, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE), 4 p.m.,
THE NINE CAROLS.

APPEALS.

ST. BRIGID'S PENNY DINNERS, HOLLES ROW.
HELP THE POOR.
A CHRISTMAS REQUEST.
WE GIVE DAILY OVER 1,000 MEALS TO THE POOR AND DESTITUTE OF THE CITY, AND ALSO FREE MEALS TO LITTLE CHILDREN.
Donations gratefully received and acknowledged by REV. MOTHER, BON SECOUR CONVENT, 64 LR. MOUNT ST., DUBLIN.

CHRISTMAS, 1942.
PLEASE SEND AN OFFERING IN HONOUR OF THE DIVINE CHILD TO
ST. ANTHONY'S PENNY DINNERS.
THE SISTERS OF CHARITY, SEVILLE PLACE, DUBLIN.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.39	9.39
Sets	5. 9	5.10
Lighting-up Time	5.39	5.40

ROYAL DOORS OPEN 2 P.M.
The Lavish Xmas Spectacle.
"RED RIDING HOOD."
In Ten Dazzling Scenes, with A Cast of One Hundred, including
NOEL PURCELL, RENEE FLYNN, PEGGY DELL, OLIVE BRIGGS, DENNIS BARRY.
PANTOMIME at 3.20 and 7.30.
WILLIAM TRACY : JOE SAWYER in "ABOUT FACE" At 2.30 and 6.45.
MATINEE PRICES TILL 3.30. Grand Circle, 1/-; Stalls, 1/6; Royal Circle, 2/-.

REGAL ROOMS CINEMA. At 2.35, 4.45, 6.50, 9.0.
The Romantic Comedy!
Bette DAVIS James CAGNEY, in
"THE BRIDE CAME C.O.D."
Commencing December 26th, "SAN FRANCISCO." Clarke Gable, Jeanette McDonald, Spencer Tracy.

SAVOY At 2.0, 4.25, 6.45, 9.10.
HUGH WILLIAMS : CARLA LEHMANN IN
"TALK ABOUT JACQUELINE."
XMAS KIDDIES' MATINEES. To-day (Tues.), Wed. and Thurs. at 12 Noon. Doors Open 11.30. ADULTS 1/-. CHILDREN 4d.
Commencing Boxing Day. Great Xmas Attraction:
VAN HEFLIN : Kathryn Grayson in 'SEVEN SWEETHEARTS.'

CAPITOL To-day at 2.43, 4.52, 7.1, 9.10.
POSITIVELY LAST 4 DAYS.
Gary Cooper, Cary Grant, Charlotte Henry, and a Huge Cast, in
ALICE IN WONDERLAND.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY: A Tribute in Glorious Technicolor. Wilfrid Lawson, Elizabeth Allen, in "THE GREAT MR. HANDEL."
Restaurant & Lounge Open Noon to 11.30.

ASTOR.
FIRST TIME TO IRELAND.
Alastair Sim, Fred. Emney, Edward Rigby, Patricia Roc and Oliver Wakefield, in J. B. PRIESTLEY'S
"LET THE PEOPLE SING"
Produced and Directed by John ("Love On The Dole") Baxter. At 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.
Performance from 12 Noon St. Stephen's Day. Doors Open 11.45 a.m.

ADELPHI Showing at 2.44, 4.55, 7.06, 9.17.
The World's Funniest Comedians in a Riot of Mirth, Melody and Beauty.
BUD ABBOTT and LOU COSTELLO IN "RIO RITA."
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
OPENING AT 12 NOON.
The Year's Greatest Musical Romance,
"HOLIDAY INN,"
With Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds.
Booking for 8 p.m. Sunday from 2 p.m. Wednesday.

CARLTON 2nd Big Week! At 2.50, 5, 7.10, 9.20.
"SONG OF THE ISLANDS."
Betty Grable, Victor Mature, Jack Oakie, *In the Loveliest Technicolor Yet!* Watch for Big Holiday Show.

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE. At 4.10, 6.40, & 9.10.
Jimmy Durante, Jane Wyman in "YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW." Also Dick Foran in "Prairie Thunder."

REGENT CINEMA, BLACKROCK.
WILLIAM HOLDEN, CLAIRE TREVOR, GLEN FORD in
"TEXAS."

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Have you considered having it Dyed by
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makes a charming and acceptable GIFT.
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VICTOR WADDINGTON GALLERIES,
8 SOUTH ANNE STREET.

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0—"De Groot Trio in Light Music." 6.25 "Twos": Some well-known Variety Teams. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—Gregorian Chants for Christmas—Hubert Rooney and the Choir of the Irish Augustinians. 7.25—"Poems of Irish Places," Austin Clarke. 7.45—Irish Radio Orchestra. 8.15—Christmas Greetings from the Vatican: Introductory Talk in Irish by Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Kyne, D.D., Irish College, Rome. 8.45—Irish Radio Orchestra. 9.0—"Our Lady of the Snows" A Christmas Mystery by Aodh de Blacam, produced by Gabriel Fallon. 9.30—Renée Collinson (piano) and Nancie Lord (violin). 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—"Na Rabhcanuidhthe."

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—Tune for To-day. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts!" 8.0—News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—"Let Us Be Gay!" 9.0 — Organ. 9.20—Orchestra. 10.0—"Christmas Calling." By Lynn Doyle, read by R. H. MacCandless. 10.15 — Service. 10.30—Records. 10.45—"Wise Housekeeping." 11.0—Orchestra. 11.40—"Rhythm is Their Business." 12.10—Organ Music. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—"Short Wave." 1.30—Band. 2.0—Orchestra. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30 — Evensong. 4.0 — "Armchair Traveller." 4.35—Brahms. 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.30—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—News in Norwegian. 6.45—Scottish Half-hour. 7.15—Fuel Discussion. 7.25 — "Rocky Mountain Rhythm." 7.55—"The Two Hermiones." 8.15—The Brains Trust. 9.0—News. 9.20—To-night's Talk. 9.35 — Elgar. 10.10—Service. 10.30—"The Lady of the Lake." 11.0 — "Geraldo Music Shop." 11.30—"Christmas with Mr. Pepys." 12.0—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—"Reveille!" 7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 7.30—Morning Review. 8.0—News. 8.15—"Let Us Be Gay!" 9.0—Organ. 9.20—Orchestra. 10.0—"Roy and His Girl-Friends." 10.15—Welsh Light Programme. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Orchestra. 11.40—"Rhythm is Their Business." 12.10—John Madin. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—"Monday Night at Eight." 2.15—New Records. 2.40—Organ. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30 — Orchestra. 4.0 — "Armchair Traveller." 4.35—Henry Hall. 5.25—The World at War. 5.45—John Hilton. 6.0—News. 6.30—Australian News. 6.40—New Zealand News. 6.50 — South African News. 7.0—American Sports. 7.5—Nautical Music. 7.45 — "These You Have Loved." 8.30—Jack Payne. 9.0—News. 9.20—"Into Battle." 9.30—"Follies of the Air." 10.20—"Collector's Corner." 10.30—Music While You Work." 11.0—Close down.

IRISH WILLS

Miss Jane Potter, Grace Park road, Drumcondra, Dublin, who died on 17th September last, left £7,874.

Major George Houghton Gason, late of Kilteelagh, Co. Tipperary, who died on 27th November, 1941, left £5,798.

Six Months for Cycle Stealing.—At Enniskillen yesterday, William G. Montgomery, no fixed abode, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for the larceny of a bicycle.

DEATHS.

BROWN—December 21, 1942, at Allahoise, Castledermot, Jane Brown. Funeral to Castledermot at 2.30 (S.T.) to-morrow (Wednesday).

JACKSON—December 21, 1942, at her residence, Woodfield, Baltinglass, Mrs. Margaret Jackson. Funeral to Baltinglass at 2 o'clock (O.T.) to-morrow (Wednesday).

SCANLON—December 20, 1942, at her residence, Ballytimon, Fenagh, Bagenalstown, Lucinda Jane, beloved wife of William Scanlon. Funeral to-day (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock (O.T.) for Fenagh.

Irish Times
TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 1942.

A Mysterious Meeting

It would be just as easy to exaggerate as it would be to under-estimate the significance of the latest meeting between Herr Hitler and Monsieur Paul Laval. France, it must be remembered, is a conquered country. So long as the French fleet remained in being the Government had a certain amount of bargaining power *vis à vis* the Germans, but now that most of the French ships have been scuttled, and that the whole of metropolitan France has been occupied, the French Government, in the nature of things, exists solely at the will and pleasure of the German *Fuehrer*. When, therefore, one reads that the head of the French Government has been in conference with Herr Hitler at the latter's headquarters, it hardly is fair to assume that this meeting has any particular significance from the standpoint of international politics. Germany is in physical possession of all France. Monsieur Laval is the head of the French Government; and it is only natural that, from time to time, he should be called into personal conference with the *Fuehrer*. According to the official reports from German and French sources, "certain regroupments" were discussed, and the present position in continental Europe was "re-examined." In addition to Herr Hitler, Field-Marshal Goering and Herr von Ribbentrop were present at the conference; and the fifth member of the party was Count Ciano, Italy's Foreign Minister. Long before the present war broke out—at the time of the civil war in Spain—it was an open secret that relations between France and Italy were severely strained. The Italian Government was quite frank about the matter. It laid public claim to "Nice, Corsica, Savoy, and Tunis," and when, on the eve of the French collapse in the summer of 1940, Italy declared war on the Republic, it was assumed generally that Signor Mussolini's aspirations would be realised. In the event, nothing happened. Evidently Marshal Pétain was able to persuade Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini against the seizure of the disputed territories, and it was not until the occupation of all France by the Germans that Italian troops marched into Haute Savoie. At the moment, the question of Tunis does not arise. British and American forces have landed in North Africa, and heavy fighting is taking place for the possession of Tunis and Bizerta. The situation has been complicated by the fact that Admiral Darlan, who went to Morocco and Algeria as a personal representative of Marshal Pétain, has called upon all Frenchmen in North Africa to receive the British and Americans as friends, rather than as enemies, and that a certain number of French soldiers actually are fighting with the Allies in Tunisia. In these circumstances, the relations between France and Italy must have become unusually difficult during the last month or so, and there can be small doubt that Monsieur Laval's meeting with Count Ciano was calculated in some way to bring about a more friendly atmosphere. The existing condition of affairs is satisfactory neither to France nor to Italy. The meeting at the *Fuehrer's* headquarters may have been convened in order to remove some of the acerbities that exist between Vichy and Rome. In the absence of authoritative information, however, speculation would be futile. At the moment not the politicians, but the soldiers, are in charge of affairs; and they will have the last word.

"British Restaurants"

Our London Letter reports this morning that almost 1,800 "communal feeding restaurants" now are in operation throughout Great Britain. It is probable that our correspondent refers to the "British Restaurants," which have been so remarkable, and so successful, a development of the last three years. Detailed information about these restaurants is lacking. They differ greatly in size, in the quality and variety of the food which they provide, and in the price that they charge; but, one and all, they are substantially cheaper than the average commercial restaurant. There is no reason why they should not be cheaper. They cater, upon the whole, for a larger *clientèle;* to a large extent they are staffed—although here we speak under correction—by voluntary labour; and they do not pretend to offer the "choice" which would be offered by a commercial restaurant in the competitive market. Our London Correspondent narrates the prices prevailing at the latest of these establishments, just opened at Spalding, in Lincolnshire. A full meal, he says, costs something like 1s. 3d. It consists of soup, at 2d., a meat course, at 8d., a sweet, at 3d., tea, at 1d., and bread, at 1d. He does not describe the meal; but something is known on this side of the Channel of the operation of these British restaurants, and all the evidence goes to show that they offer a sustaining, and by no means unattractive, meal. More than once we have recommended a similar development in the twenty-six counties. We have no complaint against the Dublin restaurants—many of which, by the way, have improved enormously during recent years—except that there are not enough of them, and that, reasonable as their prices may be, they are not reasonable enough for many thousands of people. Those thousands of people happen to be the thousands who are in chief need of cheap and quick meals. One thinks of the typist earning 30s. a week. She may live in "digs"; if she is a little more fortunate, she lives at home; but, in either event, she cannot afford the half-crown which is the minimum for which she can obtain a substantial mid-day meal in a commercial restaurant. In these days of over-crowded traffic she is lucky if she can return to home or "digs" for dinner; the odds are that she contents herself with the proverbial "glass of milk and a bun"—which is certainly not enough for an adult, even if some members of the Corporation regard it as the perfect fare for a child. Surely there is a crying need in this city for something in the nature of these "British Restaurants." The Goodwill company has done useful work, but that work has not been made sufficiently well known, and there are not enough restaurants of the type that it operates. The need of inexpensive, "standardised" restaurants exists in every quarter of Dublin; and we still believe, despite much discouragement, that a chain of such establishments not merely would be a boon and a blessing to an important section of the public, but would make money.

A Floating Empire

A truly remarkable people live in "the land of the midnight sun." How often one has envied the experience of those fortunate people who came back from pleasure cruises to Norway's land-locked fjords and forest-clad mountains with their tales of quiet beauty and delight! Yet how many Irishmen—even among those fortunates—are even remotely familiar with the more serious facts of Norwegian life? How many are aware that Norway has a population only equal to that of the twenty-six counties? Who has taken the trouble to inquire how that population lives and thrives? Who realises that those three millions of Viking descendants possessed the largest oil tanker fleet in the world, with the exception of those of Great Britain and the U.S.A.? Even more remarkable are the facts—recently published by the Norwegian Government Information Office—that Norway's 270 tankers, and another 2,500,000 tons of merchant ships, were built and operated without State subsidies or guarantees. Despite Government regulations which provided high standards of pay and accommodation for ships' crews, the fleets not alone traded on a profitable commercial basis, but the services which they rendered to other countries enabled the Norwegian Government to balance its international trade accounts. Having led the world in the change-over from coal to oil-driven craft, Norwegian owners adopted, and still maintain, standards of speed which enable their tankers to exceed the carrying power of fleets with higher tonnage capacities. All these advances were made despite the fact that Norway lost half of her total tonnage during the 1914-1918 World War. In 1940, with a fleet nearly half of which was less than ten years old, Norwegian owners transported forty per cent. of British and Allied supplies of fuel oil. When we contrast such a tale of romantically successful enterprise with the shipping resources of the twenty-six counties in 1939, we are driven to look for some explanation of our failure not merely to anticipate the possible consequences of war, but to realise the economic value of overseas transport in times of peace. Can it be that Irishmen have completely lost their taste for the sea—or has our failure been just one more evidence of lack of vision and trading enterprise?

THE EARL OF LEITRIM has arrived in Dublin from Carrigart, County Donegal, and is staying at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Lady Nugent and her daughter, who spent a few days in Dublin last week, have returned to Multyfarnham, County Westmeath.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman P. S. Doyle, T.D., will draw the winning tickets in the Stewart Institute raffle at the Mansion House, Dublin, to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Skrine, who were staying in Dublin last week, have returned to Ballyrankin, County Wexford.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Harrison Cooper have returned to Killenure Castle, County Tipperary, from Dublin.

The Duchesse de Stacpoole has arrived in Dublin from Tobertynan, County Meath.

Miss Eccles, who came to Dublin for the hunting season, has returned to Northern Ireland.

Mr. Cecil Brock is in Dublin for Christmas.

The engagement is announced between William Frederick, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shiel, "Hopewell," Kenilworth Park, Rathgar, and Sylvia Hazel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sholdice, 62 Garville avenue, Rathgar.

Dr. G. T. O'Brien, 4 Upper Fitzwilliam street, has left town until the 4th January.

This week all roads lead to Switzers of Grafton Street . . . . the never-failing "Doorway" to Christmas Gift Inspirations. Customers are again reminded that the Shop closes at 5.30 p.m. each evening. (Restaurant at 7 p.m.)

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear. — Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

For Christmas festivities, snappy American Afternoon and Dinner Frocks, 100% All-Wool Jumpers. Novelty Brooches and Fobs, useful for Christmas Presents, at Femina, Ltd., 9 Wicklow street.

Jax Sports Skirts have a flare for flattery . . . an elegance of cut, a petite charm, makes them just right for sports wear. From all stores.

Ideal solution to your gift problems—give Arnott Gift Tokens. On sale at the Gift Bureau.

Evening Gown in cherry crêpe, with finely pleated skirt, 6½ gns., at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Shoes for Christmas presents. See the display at Stephens & Bourke.

Maguire and Gatchell are displaying Table Glass of Fashion and Exquisite China—most acceptable and useful Presents—at 10 Dawson street, Dublin.

Visit Elizabeth Nolan's Treasure Box of Gifts, South King st. (opp. Gaiety). Exquisite Chinese Silk Lingerie, Linens, Novelties, washable wax Floral Decorations, Vases, Brasses.

Thuillier's, 4/5 Wicklow street, wish their numerous clients and friends the compliments of the season, and also to inform them they reopen on Tuesday, 29th December.

5-Course Luncheon, 2/6. Best food.—Hotel MacDermott, Harcourt street.

Sharpley's, Specialists. Baby Linen. Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.—2 Nassau street, Dublin.

ROTUNDA HOSPITAL "AT HOME"

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Master of the Rotunda Hospital and the Lady Superintendent, Miss E. H. Hill, received a large number of guests yesterday at the annual "at-home," held in the hospital. The guests were entertained by a programme of well-known Christmas carols, rendered by a choir of nurses, conducted by Miss Sylvia Fannin. The nurses were assisted by the following:—Dr. H. Nelson, Dr. D. Mitchell, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Parkes, Mr. R. Cherry, Mr. N. Davidson, Messrs. K. and E. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Yoakley, Mr. and Mrs. Figgis, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Bell and Dr. Fannin.

Among those present were—The Lord Mayor and Mrs. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Clark, Archdeacon and Mrs. Sullivan, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. Tweedy, Dr. and Mrs. Bethel Solomons, Dr. and Mrs. L. Abrahamson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Overend, Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Klingner, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, Dr. Charles E. Boyce, Dr. and Mrs. F. Gill, Mrs. Somerville-Large, the Rev. A. W. B. Mack and Miss Mack, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. de Courcy Wheeler, the Misses Brough, the Rev. W. and Mrs. Campion, Mr. E. Solomons, the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Atkinson, the Rev. L. A. and Mrs. Elliott, the Rev. M. L. Ferrar, Dr. A. R. Parsons, Canon and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Stoney, Professor and Mrs. W. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cherry, the Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Allman, Dr. and Mrs. R. Woods, Dr. Seager, Dr. and Mrs. James Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. John Betjeman, Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Moorhead, Dr. and Mrs. O'Donel Browne, Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Hardman, Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. R. Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. B. Pringle, Dr. and Mrs. McDonogh, Dr. E. Solomons, Dr. and Mrs. H. Pringle, Dr. and Mrs. E. Steen, Dr. and Mrs. Fleming, Dr. and Mrs. D. Pringle, Dr. Ella Webb, Dr. and Mrs. McKenny, Dr. Deane Oliver, Dr. Shaw, Mrs. E. E. Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. Cooke, Miss Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmor, Dr. T. N. Smith, Dr. Budd, Dr. McCabe, Dr. and Mrs. M. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Jessop, Mrs. T. G. Wilson, Dr. D. Collins, Mrs. Ninian Falkiner.

Senator and Mrs. Rowlette, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Tulloch, Mrs. A. Henry, Dr. and Mrs. Aptherp, Dr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. Barry, Mrs. Wisdom Hely, Mrs. E. Russell-Stritch, Mrs. Owen Guinness, Mr. and Mrs. St. John Ruttledge, Captain and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. G. Millar, Mrs. Leask, Mrs. Tittle Hamilton, Dr. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Weber Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Orpen, Captain, Mrs. and Miss Fleming, Mrs. Hill Tulloch, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. McCaw, Mrs. Crozier, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Murphy, Mrs. Leeper, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. Attwooll, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harris, Mrs. and Miss Hutton, Mrs. E. M. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Walker, Miss F. J. Dunne, Mrs. Pasley, the Misses Smyly, Mrs. Phibbs, Mrs. Aldwell, Mrs. Orpen, Mrs. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Yoakley, Mrs. and the Misses Lett, Miss Foster, Mrs. Louis Werner, Miss Dunne, Mrs. Lecky, Miss K. Newell, Miss F. S. Smith, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Comisky, Mrs. and Miss Terry, Mrs. and Miss Ashworth, Mrs. O'Callaghan, Miss Spratt, Miss Morris, Miss O'Reilly, Mrs. Hale, Miss D. M. Layng, Dr. Cummins, Dr. Keating, Miss Thompson, Mrs. J. Graham, Miss G. Gardiner, Miss A. Atkinson, Miss M. Murphy, Miss S. Cooke, Miss [illegible] Monahan, Miss R. A. Fleury, Mrs. and the Misses Armstrong, Dr. Merrick, Mr. A. Johnson.

LATE JESUIT-GENERAL

CONSUL'S APPRECIATION

The whole Catholic world, and Poland in particular, mourned the death of a great son and patriot, the Very Rev. Count Wlodzimierz Ledochowski, Father-General of the Society of Jesus since 1915, who died in the Vatican City last Sunday-week. So said M. Xavier Zaleski, Polish Consul, at the Polish Consulate General in Dublin, in the course of an appreciation of the late Father-General, which was broadcast from Radio Eireann last night.

Wlodzimierz Ledochowski was a Pole, he said, whose family had a distinguished record in the affairs of their country. Having studied law at Cracow University, he turned to theology, and entered the Society of Jesus in 1889, and was ordained priest in 1894. He became Provincial of the Jesuit Province of Polish Galicia in 1902. His years as Father-General were marked by the creation of the two Assistancies of the Slav provinces and of South America, and by great progress of the mission fields, and the rehousing and extension of the Gregorian University in Rome.

Dealing with Father Ledochowski's personal attributes, the speaker referred to his retiring disposition, and said that he was "easy to approach, talked readily himself, and had a most attractive smile . . . as well as a natural sense of humour." He had always taken a keen interest in the affairs of his resurrected country, and some of his wise counsels were adopted by the Polish Government in the work of post-war reconstruction.

ADELAIDE CONCERT

Dublin artists rallied nobly round Miss Madge Bradbury, organiser of the concert in aid of the Adelaide Hospital, which drew a good attendance at the Aberdeen Hall last night. There was any amount of variety—solos by Violet Burne, soprano; Agnes O'Kelly, contralto; William Watt, tenor; and Frank Cowle, baritone; and duets by Mabel Thrift and Robert McCullagh; piano works played by Rhoda Coghill and Madge Bradbury, as well as a two-piano team of Dorothy Stokes and Alice Yoakley. There were violin solos by Terry O'Connor, 'cello solos by Eric de Courcy, and there was the new Dublin Trio—Madge Bradbury, Pose Shreider, and Eric de Courcy; and the audience loved all, and called everyone for encores.

For personal preference, one would choose Rhoda Coghill's performance of Dohnanyi's "Rhapsodie in C major," and especially Smetana's "Bohemian Dance," which she gave as an encore, and played beautifully.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Six Months for Soldier.—At Howth District Court yesterday, Gunner John Kearns, of the Defence Forces, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for stealing two bicycles and breaking into an Army hut.

No Saorstat Eireann Now.—Welcoming Mr. Gerald M. Doyle, solicitor, on his first appearance before him, District Justice Reddin upheld his objection to a summons headed "Saorstat Eireann," on the ground that no such place exists now.

Month for Baldoyle Woman.—At Howth yesterday, before District Justice Reddin, Mrs. A. Walsh, Dublin road, Baldoyle, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, suspended on the payment of a fine of £1, for stealing two frocks and two towels, value £5 4s.

Cattle-Stealing Charge.—At Howth yesterday, before District Justice Reddin, Wm. Donnelly, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, was remanded in custody, charged with the larceny of two bullocks, value £60, the property of James Smith, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin. Sergeant Riordan said that when he charged Donnelly he replied that he was not guilty.

QUEEN'S THEATRE

The variety programme includes items by the more experienced artistes, and contributors and prize-winners to Local Talent on Parade. The latter portion of the programme has no fewer than 14 "turns." The Queen's Moonbeams, with Vie Kaye, opened the bill last night in a bright chorus with dancing. Arthur Holt, a young soprano, has a voice of much promise, and Morgan Hayes, a deep baritone, was impressive in his songs. The Brennan Sisters were an acceptable pair of vocalists, and, with Dan Brennan, they formed an entertaining combination. Dan Gibbons and Danny Cummings provided the comedy. Alex. Fryer and the orchestra rendered appropriate selections. The film was "Mexican Spitfire Sees a Ghost."

CRUISKEEN LAWN

By Myles na gCopaleen

Ḃí líne agam tamall ó ṡoin ar na dialama "téarmaí" a foillsiġeann an Ġúm ó am go h-am, agus bí beagán agam le ráḋ ar na "téarmaí doċtúireaċta." Anois tá leaḃrán eile fálta agam dar teideal "Téarmaí Cluiċíḋeaċta," agus má's maiṫ leis an G.A.A. é nó má's gráin leo, tá tuairisc ann ar neiṫe salaċa gallda mar Association Football, Rugby, Cricket, Billiards agus fiú tocais.

Fan go bḟeicfimid.

Ní comarṫa go deo an deaġ-Ġaeḋilg ar Association Football. Séard tá sa leaḃrán ná—Sacar!

B'fearr liom rud éigin rud beag níos glice. Cuir i gcár, Peil Meit.

B'féidir go gciallúiġeann Sacar—Sac-fear .i. fear adionn ag sacaḋ. Do réir Duinnín ciallúionn sacaḋ packing, stuffing, thrusting, gorging. Agus fós ciallúionn "Sacaḋán," a stout burly person, *smt.* with a hint of rudeness. Aċt fág é sin mar atá.

Tuilleaṁ

"An Maor Cirt" an Ġaeḋilg ar "Referee." Ní dóiġ liom go ndéanfaiḋ an téarma sin an Ġaeḋilg do neartú i bPáirc Ċnoc Ó Dálaiġ. Is beag adionn le clos san ionad san aċt an t-abairtín aigneaċ "Ay, ref!", agus ní dóiġ liom go ndéanfaḋ "Ay, a Ṁaoir Cirt!" an gnó mar ṁalairt Ġaelaċ air. Tá an leagan Ġaeḋilge ró-fada, ró-ḃladaraċ. Agus fós—ró-Ġaelaċ do luċt an tracair (aiṫnigim blas milis ag teaċt ar an focal sin).

"Cúlaiḋe" an focal atá aca ar "back" sa ċluiċe seo. Ní feadar. Oibriġeann na "backs" go cruaiḋe aċt nílim cinnte go mbeaḋ an té is dúthraċtaí orta sásta leat dá dtabharfá "cooley" air. Tá earonóir ceangailte leis an fuaim sin, agus ní leasuiġeann tú an spor atá uirṫi i do luaḋ i nGaeḋilg.

"Barge—sním gúngáil." Agus nuair sním gúngáil, bíonn Din ann.

"Bat (v)—slacaim." Tá eagla orm gur slackers aṁáin a úsáideann an úirlis sin.

"Birdie—Riaḃóg." Turrum riaḃóg, a colleen ogue. (Riaġ—sorrow, do réir Duinnín. Riaḃóg—riaġ-póg, a chaste sad kiss?).

"Butting (with head), pocáil." Ní féidir an sean-pocáil do sárú. I mBaile Áṫa Cliaṫ "butty" a tugtar ar an té adionn ag pocáil (nuair naċ dtugtar ainm éigin eile air). Agus maidir leis an aguisín sin (with head), an féidir butting do ḋéanaṁ le aon ní eile?

"Bye. Cork got a bye, fuair Corcaiġ an corr." Agus fuair Gaillimh an Gail; fuair Ciarraiḋe an ċlor; fuair Muineaċán an min; fuair Aontruim an t-éan; and Éire got the air.

Tuilleaṁ eile

Sé'n focal atá aca ar "caddie" ná "giolla." Má's "giolla tae" an Ġaeḋilg ar "tea-caddie," is giolla deacair an giolla tae. (Aċt fán, ní baineann an páitear beag sin le "cluiċíḋeaċt." Léigim leitréal aram.)

"Combination—coimeál. Ná seana-combinations, the old-coimeál-ye's.

"Competition—comórtas." Do réir Duinnín, ciallúionn "mórtas" insolence, agus is beag an t-ionganntas gur "mass-insolence" a tugtar ar rabaircanna áirite adionn le rabaircú ar páirc an imearta.

Má tá Ġaeḋilg ar "Cricket" (mar atá sa leaḃrán so), ní féidir go bfuil an cluiċe com gallda agus adeirtear. "Cruiċeaḋ" an focal atá aca. Do réir Duinnín, ciallaíonn "cruiċeaḋ" making turf sods into small heaps.

"Dummy. Selling the dummy, an tairbhre do ċaiteaṁ cuige." Cuireann an abairt sin ar sean-cara an Pottergeist i gcuiṁne doṁ. Mara dtaiṫníonn an creaic sin leat, maiṫ doṁ é. Maiṫ dummy.

"Fit, infeaḋma, oireaṁnaċ, go maiṫ, go sroiḋe, i gcruṫ maiṫ, i bfonn 's i bfaoḃar."

Sé sin le ráḋ, anæmic, ironic, gummy, groggy, half-grubby, in fun and in favour.

Ní beag sin.

OBITUARY

MR. M. O'ROURKE

Irish business circles have lost a well-known figure in the person of Mr. Matthias O'Rourke, one of the best-known commercial travellers in the country. Mr. O'Rourke, who died at his residence, 30 St. Alban's Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin, spent over 40 years travelling in the West of Ireland. During the last 35 of these he represented Messrs. Dwyer and Co., Ltd., Cork. A native of Sligo, he knew every town and village in the west, and was respected and known throughout Connaught. He leaves two sons and five daughters.

MISS LUCINDA DUNN

Miss Lucinda Dunn, one of the most valued officers of the Irish Red Cross Society, died on Sunday last. She was an officer of the Blackrock Division, and was a life member of the society. During the last war she was with the Red Cross in France, where she gained experience which was invaluable to the Irish Society. Her remains were taken to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, accompanied by officers of the Society, who marched beside the hearse. The coffin was draped with a white flag with the Red Cross emblem and Miss Dunn's uniform, hat, belt and decorations, which she received from the French and British Governments during the last war. A minute's silence was observed at Red Cross Headquarters, Dublin, on Sunday after the first-aid competitions, as a mark of respect, and the efficiency badge was posthumously presented to Miss Dunn.

MR. W. FRANKLIN

Mr. Wilberforce Franklin, whose death is announced in Dublin, was for many years a leading teacher of voice production in Cork, and a baritone of exceptional ability. Mr. Franklin was associated with Cork Municipal School of Music for thirty years. He retired some years ago, and after the death of his wife lived at Dun Laoghaire.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

An appeal to children to help the city and the nation by saving more waste paper was made by the Lord Mayor of Dublin (Alderman P. S. Doyle, T.D.) yesterday in the City Hall. He was presenting prizes won by children in the annual essay competition "run" by the Irish Tourist Association and sponsored by the Dublin Corporation.

The future of the city was in the hands of the children, said the Lord Mayor, and if they achieved the aims recorded in the essays the credit and welfare of the capital could well be entrusted to the competitors.

Mr. P. J. Hernon, City Manager; Alderman A. Byrne, T.D., and Mr. F. A. Moran also spoke.

The prize winners were:—

Under 15 — 1, Thomas Sheehy, Clontarf Boys' N.S. (£5); 2, F. O Hannrachain, Scoil Colmcille, Sraid Maoilbrighde (£3); 3, Rita C. Moran, Damer N.S., St. Stephen's Green (£2). Highly commended—Poilin Ni Neighill, Scoil Muire, Sraid Maoilbrighde; Violet Belvoir, Loreto N.S., N. Great George's st.; Geoffrey Mahon, St. Stephen's N.S., Northumberland road (15s. each).

Under 12 — 1, Bernadette Ni Bhroin, Stanhope Street Convent N.S. (£3); 2, Seosaimhin Ni Mhairtin, Scoil Brighde, 19 Ardan Port an Iarla (£2); 3, Esme Allen, Rathgar Girls' N.S. (£1). Highly commended—Desmond O'Hara, St. Vincent's N.S., North William street; Michael Heffernan, St. Michael's C.B.S., Inchicore; June O'Reilly, Loreto Convent, Leeson lane (10s. each).

Louth Road Workers' Wages.—Louth County Council, at a meeting in Dundalk yesterday, asked the Local Government Department to agree to increase the wages of road workers to 35/- a week.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET ST., LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

BRITAIN'S latest communal feeding restaurant has been opened at Spalding, Lincolnshire. Almost 1,800 are now in operation throughout the country. A full meal costs in the region of 15d., and is made up of soup (2d.), bread (1d.), meat (8d.), sweet (3d.) and tea (1d.). The restaurants provide facilities for obtaining food when working away from home. They are not for any particular set of workers, but for all, and people of all classes benefit by them, and use them with the freedom intended. "The cash and carry" system under which they operate saves a great deal of labour.

Irish Bishop

The Right Rev. Bishop Samuel Heaslett, M.A., D.D., the Belfast man who was presiding Bishop of the Nippon Seikokwai (the Anglican Church in Japan) from 1933 to 1940, is to take one of the Sunday services at St. Martin-in-the-Fields next month which will be broadcast. Bishop Heaslett arrived very recently in England as one of the party of British citizens exchanged for Japanese citizens previously interned in Allied countries. Full of Irish humour and paradoxical logic, he possesses great patience and tolerance and exceptional courage. He worked in Japan for 42 years, and was consecrated Bishop of South Tokyo in 1932, resigning in 1940, together with all other bishops not of the Japanese race.

Coast Erosion

The building of a great sea wall from Sunderland to West Hartlepool, which would give employment to from ten to twenty thousand men for ten years, as well as being a very necessary measure to combat coast erosion, is one of some hundreds of post-war schemes which the Government is to consider. The plan would provide a good seaside resort on that part of the coast, and would save people in the district travelling to resorts in other areas.

Centenaries of 1943

Centenaries which will be celebrated in 1943 include those of Edward Dowden, first occupier of the chair of English Literature at Trinity College, Dublin, who was born in 1843, and Richard Boyle, Lord High Treasurer of Ireland, who died in 1643. Author of the life of Shelley, which is still a standard work, Dr. Dowden wrote many volumes of critical essays. He occupied the chair until his death. The "Great Earl" acquired a fortune by purchasing Sir Walter Raleigh's Irish estates. He founded towns, built harbours and bridges, erected thirteen strong castles, and made £100,000 out of an ironworks.

Famous Surgeon

The medical profession in Britain has lost one of its most distinguished members by the death of Mr. Leonard R. Braithwaite, who specialised, like his famous tutor, Lord Moynihan, in abdominal surgery. Mr. Braithwaite was appointed assistant to Lord Moynihan at the Leeds Infirmary in 1910, and later his assistant surgeon. He was Professor of Clinical Surgery at Leeds University for many years, and became Emeritus Professor in 1938. He was an amusing and entertaining lecturer, from whom students learned the practical points necessary in their profession, which did not sometimes emerge in the more formal lectures and teachings.

Utility Furniture

More than a million homes in Britain were destroyed by the air raids. This is the main reason for the extraordinary scarcity of furniture and the fantastic prices which are being paid for what little there is in the shops. On the first of next month utility furniture at controlled prices and of standard design is to be available. No other kinds of furniture will be manufactured. To buy utility pieces one has to obtain a permit from the Board of Trade, and at present only those who have been bombed out, or are taking in evacuees, or are newly wed—and setting up house for the first time—will receive the licence.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Miss Lucinda Dunn

I learn with much regret of the death of Miss Lucinda Dunn, one of the most hardworking and enthusiastic members of the Irish Red Cross Society. As Cinnire (company officer) of the No. 94 Division, Blackrock, Miss Dunn was well known to all members of the Society, and her wide knowledge of Red Cross work was helpful to all. Her knowledge, of course, was built on a solid foundation of experience, for she did duty with the British Red Cross during the war of 1914-1918.

Society members who are in a position to know tell me that all her thoughts and all her hopes and ambitions were for the cause for which she worked. Her aim was to see the Red Cross firmly entrenched in this country, both as regards equipment, *personnel* and training.

In recognition of her valiant work as a life member, fellow-members of Blackrock Division attended the funeral yesterday in uniform and paid her full honours.

Christmas

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, and I daresay a lot of them are glad that the festival comes but once a year. I have often felt the same way myself, with a stocking or two to be filled, and toys at what seems to me fantastically high prices.

However, there is the consolation of a day or two off. Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day are the only two week-days of the year, except Good Friday, on which a paper does not appear, and the days before them are the only Bank Holidays free to the unhappy staff.

Even over the Christmas holiday, however, the office will not be completely deserted. A lone reporter will be sitting by the telephone all the time; for occasionally news happens at Christmas.

Men at Work

I always feel a special sympathy for these Christmas Day workers, and I am glad that this country paved the way in giving postmen the day off. Of course, the policeman will be on the job, taking care of any wayfarers who happen to have celebrated the feast too enthusiastically. Somebody will be at work, too, to see that we get gas—a bumper allowance—and electric light.

The men whom I really pity are the porters at the Front Gate of Trinity College. They will be sitting in their lodge, dressed-up as usual in their brass-buttoned coats and their jockey-caps, all through the holiday. Night and day they are there, taking it in three shifts; the gate is never left unwatched. With only a handful of students in residence for Christmas, and scarcely anybody going in and out, it seems hard to keep them there to oversee the conduct of a deserted college.

My principal regret, however, is that it seems most unlikely that we are going to get the White Christmas of which all the crooners have been dreaming (aloud) since at least July.

Raisins

It is a pity that the Minister for Supplies did not take action with regard to the supply of raisins. It might have resulted in a distribution of sorts whereby every housewife might have been able to procure at least half a pound for her Christmas pudding.

There are, and have been for months and even years, stocks of raisins in Dublin. For weeks now they have been selling at any price from 3s. upwards.

The ordinary price of raisins should be somewhere in the region of 8d. Yet one small shop was selling them at 5s. on Friday, while an old-established firm of high repute only asked 3s. on Saturday.

Rich housewives made their plum puddings as long ago as March, and were able then to procure white bread for their ingredients. One rich woman made six, mind you!

QUIDNUNC.

GROUND RENTS

POPULAR SECURITY

Messrs. Corrigan and Co., auctioneers, Dublin, report 1942 as a highly successful business year. In their end-of-the-year report on the conditions obtaining in the open market for 1942, they single out ground rents as the most popular form of security. In 1939 the prevailing standard of value for first-class rents was upon a 17 years' purchase basis. Since then this form of investment has reached approximately 25 years' purchase.

More or less similar notes would apply to alternative property investment—i.e., well-let premises of every description. Land increased considerably in value, partly due to scarcity of suitable holdings.

Private residences with possession rose in demand and price. City shop property evidenced a remarkable state of affairs. Shops in the principal streets changed hands readily. In Grafton street were witnessed four large transactions, South Great George's street two outstanding sales. Henry street, North Earl street, Dame street and Mary street were also conspicuous in the firm's activities. A highly important building in Upper O'Connell street was also the subject of a sale at a large purchase price. Brisk business was also reported from the better class suburbs.

HAPPY CHILDREN

Children wept at a Christmas party last evening—but they wept from sheer happiness. Perhaps, it was the hectic atmosphere of spicy food, present-giving, and the red cloak and white whiskers of Santa Claus, Tom Benson (well rehearsed as a professional Santa at one of the large stores), who distributed gifts, and glimpses of legend incarnate, to 250 small guests of Dublin Rotarians at the Mount Street Club.

Meanwhile, at the Mansion House, other Rotarians put in some good practice buttling mug-laden trays among the 600 children and mothers who had come to the annual treat.

The third annual poor children Christmas matinée was held on Sunday, in the Astoria Cinema, Dun Laoghaire. Over 600 children were given a free film show and refreshments.

ROTARY MUSIC DAY

Rotarians took their wives and fiancées to lunch in the Gresham Hotel yesterday, when a musical programme took the place of the usual speeches, and an atmosphere of pre-Christmas good-will took the place of the usual business-like concentration. The artists were William Lemass, baritone, and Patrick J. Wood, the well-known Irish international tenor, who sang a number of popular solos from opera and light music. The accompanist was Miss Lucy Leenane. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Vincent O'Hare. Among the visitors was Mr. G. J. C. Tynan O'Mahony, who was congratulated on his recent appointment as manager of the *Irish Times.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"MOTHER MASON"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The notice of Mother Mason's death in to-day's *Irish Times* recalls old memories. You state that nobody knew her real name. It was not always so. In the days preceding the Boer war May McCarthy's cockle saloon was the best-known in the south side of Dublin among those who had no particular desire for early retirement. Those were the days—and nights.—Yours, etc.,

J. H. RICE.
8 Templemore avenue, Rathgar,
December 19th, 1942.

"YOUTH DISCOVERED"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—Patrick Kavanagh is, as usual, partly wrong. There is no need for a genuine youth movement to have a dominating leader. I suppose one of the finest youth movements that ever existed was the German one that seemed to come spontaneously into being after the last war, when German democratic youth, disgusted with the state that their elders had got their country into, liberated themselves for the purpose of self-development and as builders of a new and different Germany. All over Germany groups of young people formed themselves, and for a while it seemed as though almost a new civilisation was coming into flower under their cultivation; but they had no one leader. Later on various interested parties invaded the movement and broke it into sections, and in 1933 all the sections except one were suppressed, and that one had such a dominating and forceful leader that it came to be thought of outside as the German Youth Movement.

I quite agree with what Patrick Kavanagh says about the fatuity of some of the moves now being made to institute an Irish youth movement when there is no spontaneous gusto among the youth, but if conditions remain much longer as they are I have no doubt that genuine movements will begin. If they do, middle-aged leaders may horn in on them, but they will hardly originate them.—Yours, etc.,

ARNOLD MARSH.
Woodtown Park, Rathfarnham,
December 16th, 1942.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

The Rev. Denis Robert Coote Hilliard, B.A., who was recently offered the vacant Incumbency of the United Parishes of Portarlington, Ballykean and Cloneyhurke, has decided not to fill the vacancy, but will continue his present work as Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen in the Port of Dublin.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—10, Matins. 4, Evensong. 8, Carol Service.
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—10.45, Matins. 3, Evensong (men's voices).

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	0. 8	0.44
Evening	0.27	1. 0

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Announcements in this Column (which in all cases must be authenticated) are charged at the rate of 1/- per line (minimum 3/-).

BIRTHS.

COFFEY—December 10, 1942, at 25 Lower Leeson street, to Josephine, wife of Gerard Coffey, 31 James's street, a daughter.

HALLY—December 17, 1942, at Leinster Nursing Home, to Peggy, wife of Commandant P. J. Hally, a son.

HORTON—December 17, 1942, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Marcella, wife of Eric A. Horton, A.C.I.I., 160 Howth road, a daughter.

WALDRON—December 15, 1942, at the Harcourt Street Nursing Home, to Eileen, wife of John S. Waldron, Ballyfallon, Athboy, Meath, a son.

MARRIAGE.

CLARKE and WHITE—December 14, 1942, at Fleet, Hants, Lieutenant Brian G. J. Clarke, Hampshire Regiment, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke, Cushendall, Co. Antrim, to Lesley Olden, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, 14 Ormonde Park, Belfast.

DEATHS.

BANIM—December 21, 1942, at her residence, 51 Brighton road, Rathgar, Miss Anastasia Mary Banim, in her 86th year. Requiescat in pace. Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Terenure, to-morrow (Wednesday), at 9 o'clock a.m. No flowers. Funeral private.

BURNS—December 19, 1942 (suddenly), at her residence, The Demesne, Westport, Co. Mayo, Phœbe Jane, beloved wife of William Burns. Funeral from Parish Church at 3 o'clock to-day (Tuesday), December 22.

HOLMES (Leix)—December 21, 1942, John Henry (Jack), third son of the late John William Holmes, R.I.C., late of Ballybrittas, and the late Mrs. Holmes. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing brothers, sisters, relatives. Funeral leaving Shaen Hospital, 2.30 p.m. (S.T.) to Coolbanagher, to-morrow (Wednesday), 23rd.

JACOB—December 19, 1942, at a Private Nursing Home in Dublin, as the result of an accident, George Newsom Jacob, of St. Michael's, Ailesbury road, Dublin, aged 88. Funeral at Temple Hill Cemetery at 10.30 a.m. to day (Tuesday).

KANE—December 20, 1942, at Colpe, Drogheda, Thomas, dearly-loved husband of Mary Kane. Funeral at Colpe Church on to-morrow (Wednesday), at 2.30 p.m. "Peace, perfect peace."

KNOWLES—December 14, 1942, at Rockferry, Cheshire, in his 85th year, Edward John Knowles, formerly of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

LEET—December 21, 1942, at 55 Park avenue, Sandymount, David Crawford, infant son of John Oliver and Noel Leet. Funeral (private) to Mount Jerome to-day, (Tuesday).

MANGAN—December 20, 1942, at her residence, St. Joseph's, Cherrywood road, Loughlinstown, Annie, dearly-beloved wife of Andrew Mangan. Deeply regretted by her loving husband and daughter. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Tuesday), after 10 o'clock Mass at St. Anne's Church, Shankill, to Dean's Grange.

PALMER—December 20, 1942 (suddenly) at his residence, Carney, Borrisokane, John F. Palmer. Deeply regretted. Funeral to Finnoe to-day (Tuesday), 3 o'clock (S.T.).

REDDING—December 16, 1942, Selina Redding, of 231 Albert road, London, N.22 (late of Leinster square, Dublin), passed peacefully away. At Rest.

THOMPSON—December 19, 1942, at Ardla, Skerries, George Arthur, beloved husband of Louisa M. Thompson. Funeral arrives at Balrothery Church to-day (Tuesday), 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 3.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The wife, children and relatives of the late **John F. Kenny**, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow, wish to thank sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent great sorrow, all those who called and attended the funeral; also all who sent Mass Cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy. They trust this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOLSTER—Fifth Anniversary—In ever-loving memory of my dear mother, Henrietta Maria Bolster, of 17 Albany road, Ranelagh, who passed away December 22nd, 1937. "In His keeping."—Inserted by Sim.

GIBSON—In loving remembrance of Weenie, December 22nd, 1937.—Vi.

GILLIGAN—Second Anniversary—In sad and loving memory of my darling mother, who departed this life on 22nd December, 1940. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy.—Always remembered by her loving daughter, Beatrice.

SHIELDS—In loving memory of our beloved sister, Mary Kathleen (*née* Mee), died 22nd December, 1941. Sadly missed by her father, brothers and sister. "God called first whom He loveth best."

SYMMONS—Loving thoughts of a beloved husband and father. "What is love, if we forget?"

TAYLOR—In loving memory of Jack Taylor, who died 22nd December, 1934.

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FAIRS.

TEMPLEMORE DECEMBER FAIR.

Owing to the 30th December, 1942, being the date of the Dublin Cattle Market, the above Fair will be held on TUESDAY, 29th DECR., 1942, instead of Wednesday, 30th Decr., 1942.

J. J. NASH, LL.B.,
Town Clerk.

BOARDING AND HOTELS.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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Will all our Customers kindly note, we shall be CLOSED FROM XMAS EVE TILL JANUARY 4th, 1943, for Christmas Holidays and Annual Stocktaking.
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THE Spa Hotel, Lucan, will not be Open to the Public on Christmas Day.

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THIS PROPERTY HAS NOW BEEN DISPOSED OF PRIVATELY.
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17 DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN.

SALES BY OWEN BOLAND
CARN, EMO,
PORTARLINGTON, LEIX.

IMPORTANT DISPERSAL SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1942, at 11 a.m. (S.T.), at above, by instructions of G. Blake, Esq.

Complete with cleats and Rubber rings. Farm implements, including Fordson tractor and Ransome two-furrow tractor plough (both in perfect order); Dodge 3-ton lorry and creels, with double back wheels; trailer with double wheels and creels; new Hornsby reaper and binder, corn drill, harrows, grubbers, ploughs, metal and concrete rollers, turnip seed sower, hay rakes, hay bogie with rubber wheels, hay kicker, etc., etc.

Outdoor Effects, including: Oil engines, saw bench, weighbridge, oil tanks and drums, Diabolo churn and separator, knapsack sprayer, Ford motor car, horse's trap, carts and creels, carts, horse's cart harness, swings, oat and cake crushers, pulper, corn screen, wheelbarrow, sheep dipping tub, stoves, lawn mower, baling wire, large quantity sacks (in lots), etc., etc.

Farm Produce—Fifty tons first crop hay, large ricks barley, oaten and wheaten straw (in lots); potatoes, mangolds, etc.

Livestock—Young pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bull, six cows (three Friesian), in-calf heifer, two-year-old bullocks, yearling bullocks and heifers, weanling calves, working horses and mares, etc.

Household Furniture, including: Inlaid Sheraton antique sideboard, mahogany dining and other tables, occasional tables, mahogany bookcase, diningroom chairs, armchairs, electric reading lamps, clocks (one with Westminster and eight bells chimes), washstand with swing mirror, two battery wireless sets (one run on wet batteries), kitchen dresser, tables, chairs, clothes mangle and many other useful lots.

Order of Sale—Household furniture, farm implements, outdoor effects, farm produce and livestock.

Terms and conditions at Sale.

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SCANNELL'S AUCTIONS—Sale of a collection of High-class Furniture, Carpets, Pianos, Organ, etc., on TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 23rd December, including—Upright Iron-framed Piano in Ebonised Case by Fleschner, Berlin; Iron-framed ditto by Steinmayer; Æolian Organ, Superior 3-Pce. Hide Chesterfield Suite, with loose cushions; ditto in Tapestry; Pair Divan Armchairs, Modern Oak Din. Room Suite of Sideboard, Pull-out Table and 4 Chairs; Set 4 Inlaid Mahogany Chairs, numerous Sets of Chairs in Oak and Mahogany, 7 and 9-Piece Parlour Suites, in good order; Superior Chippendale Din. Table, 2 extra leaves, extending to 8ft.; Oak and Mahogany Telescope Din. Tables, Sideboards and Bookcases; Inlaid Mah. China Cabinet, Chippendale ditto; Modern Oak B/R Suite, Pair 3ft. Mah. Beds, Wire and Hair Mattresses; numerous Beds, complete; 6ft. Ash Mirror-door Wardrobe, ditto in Walnut; Carpets, in sizes from 9' 0" by 9' 0" to 15' 0" by 12' 0"; Deal Kitchen and Bedroom Furniture, Gramophones, Overmantels, "Singer" Sewing Machine, Leather Stitching Machine; Pair Leaded Light Bar Doors, with Adams hydraulic hinges; Milner's Ledger Safe, Avery Scales, Ladies' and Gent's Cycles, Boy's Cycle, "Elswick" Tricycle, etc., etc. On view to-day. Sale at 1 o'clock.—JAMES J. SCANNELL, M.I.A.A., Auctioneer and Estate Agent, 4 Bachelor's Walk. 'Phone 44280.

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HUDSON 6 cylinder 21 h.p. Special Long Chassis Saloon, partition and extra tip-up seats; ideal hire car; perfect order; tyres very good; £395.—Assemblers Garage, Townsend st., Dublin.

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SITUATIONS VACANT.

COOK Houseman, small stables, Kildare; state age, wages, refs. Box Z 8622. Cook.

WTD., Junior Assistant for Bar and Grocery; Sth. Co. Dublin. Box P 1424.

WTD., Attendant Help, with nursing exper.; Protestant; age about 40; country. Apply Headech, Nenagh.

WTD., Night Attendant; Dublin; permanent. Apply. 2-4 p.m., 7-8 p.m., 28 Dartmouth sq.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

COMPANION Help or Attendant to professional man; highly recomd. Box P 1439.

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JOB Wtd., Christmas Day; cooking, waiting, washing up. Box Z 8632. Job.

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JAN. 1st—Cook Genl., young; excellent refs. essential; 3 in family. Apply, after 7, 179 Templeogue rd.

WTD. for Northern Eire town, Nurse Housemaid (Protestant); must be well recommended; good wages to suitable person; child 2½ years. Apply, with refs. (copies) to Box Z 8619. Housemaid.

WTD., early in January, Working Housekeeper for Dublin business house; must be energetic, practical, T.T., and well recommended (R.C.). Box P 1386.

WTD. immediately, Protestant Nurse or Governess, care 2 children, Co. Dublin; state age, salary, copy refs. Box P 1392.

WTD., Nurse or Nursery Governess for very quiet country house in West of Ireland; two children, 3 and 5. Box Z 8631, Nurse.

WTD. immediately after Xmas, for Carrickmacross, expd. Genl., fond of children; good wages. Apply, refs. (copies), stating age (R.C.), Box Z 8633, Genl.

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED

A YOUNG Genl. seeks place; city, suburbs. Box P 1438.

EXPD. Genl.; good refs.; disengaged. Box P 1440.

GENL. seeks work; good refs. Box P 1437.

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ALL Waterproof Covers for carts, vans, threshers, lorries; Rick Covers, Sacks, Bags; best terms.—Coleman, 21-25 Chancery st., Dublin. T

BEAUTIFUL Christmas Present—New Cycle Sidecar, for baby or child; De Luxe model; bargain, £12 10/-. Seen Thursday, after 3 p.m., Dodsboro' House, Lucan.

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RONSON Lighters £4 15/-, few left; other Lighters from 10/6; Havana Cigars.—F. J. Hanna, 15 College Green, Dublin.

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IMPORTANT & ATTRACTIVE SALE OF RESIDENTIAL FARM,
CONTAINING 126 ACS.

SUBSCRIBER has received instructions from John Monohan, Esq., TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the lands of Morette House, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1942, at 2 p.m. (S.T.).

His Right, Title and Interest in Part of the Lands of Morette, containing 126 acs., S.M., be the same more or less. Held from I.L.C. at the very low half-yearly annuity of £6 15s. 2d. P.L.V., £58 15s. The Lands are of superior quality, and adapted to grazing or tillage. Laid out in nice-sized fields, well watered, fenced and sheltered, and in a high state of cultivation (no waste). 10 acres laid down under new grass seeds, 8 acs. now manured.

There is a good, substantial, two-storey, stone-built and slated Dwelling, containing 6 apts., with front and back doors. At rear thereof are two enclosed yards and haggards, with good range of stone-built and slated outoffices for all live stock, and good grain lofting, and two fruit and vegetable gardens. Approached by short avenue from main road, quite convenient to schools, churches, post office, and within three miles of the important town of Maryboro', and only five minutes' walk of 'bus. It is worthy of note that this farm is well and widely known for its many good qualities, and should be of interest to any requiring such.

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ATTRACTIVE, two-storey Dwelling-house, in perfect repair, with electric light, bathroom, hot and cold water, etc., and Aga Cooker. To be Let, with small paddock or more land if required. Situate 3 miles from Naas.

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FIRST-CLASS FATTENING FARM.

Few miles from Mullingar, on main road. Rent and Rates, £52. Valuation, £62. Well sheltered, fenced and watered; no waste, no buildings. This Land is capable of fattening and finishing heaviest bullocks. Price £3,000 or nearest offer.

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ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Cusack, 65 Aungier st., Purchases Left-off Clothing, Furniture, etc.; highest prices given. T

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- QUEUE at the stop signs.
- SIGNAL CLEARLY and in good time when you wish a 'bus or tram to stop for you.
- BE PROMPT in boarding and alighting.
- TENDER EXACT FARE, to assist the conductor.
- IF YOU MUST STAND while travelling, stand well forward in the lower saloon.
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On CHRISTMAS EVE the services will run as on Saturdays. The services on CHRISTMAS DAY are outlined in leaflets which may be obtained from Inspectors or at Head Office (59 Upper O'Connell Street). The services on ST. STEPHEN'S DAY will be as on Sundays.

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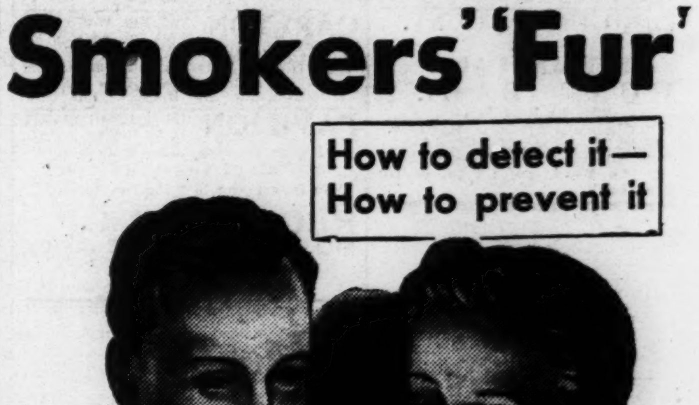

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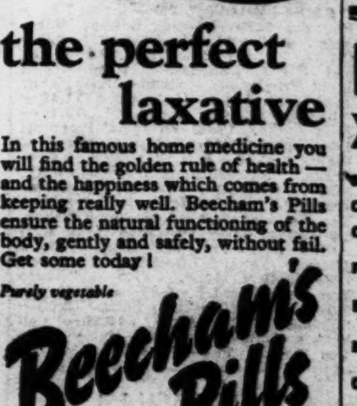

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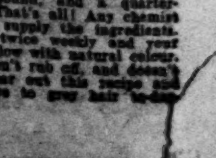

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